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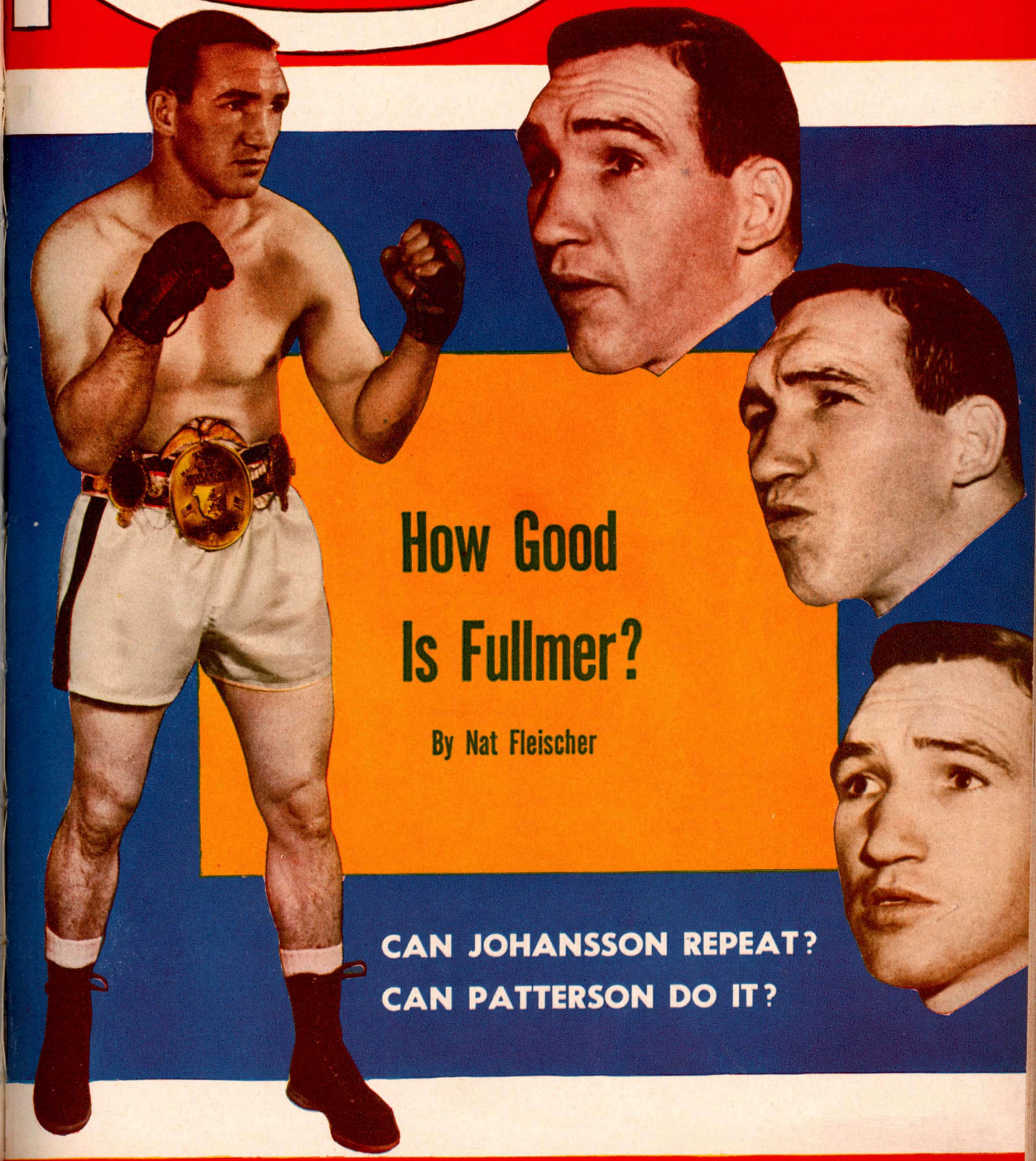

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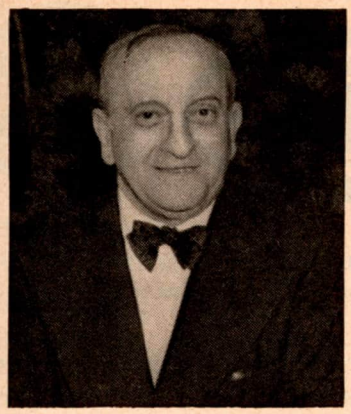

NAT FLEISCHER

Says

NEXT June, the contract between the National Broadcasting Co. and Gillette for telecasting the Friday night fights in New York's Garden, will expire.

NBC has decided not to renew this pact. Gillette, which has found sponsorship of the bouts very profitable, deplores the move but, at this time, can do little about it.

The impact of the NBC move may be nullified by the appearance of another TV channel in the boxing picture.

Then, too, there is the off-chance that ABC, which televises the Wednesday night fights for Viceroy and Alka-seltzer, will follow the NBC example and leave boxing without television outlets.

In any event, the NBC decision on the Garden programme, which has been the strongest draw of any Friday night 10 P.M. attraction on TV, and rates No. 6 among all of the NBC programmes, places boxing where so many of its well wishers and the vast majority of boxer managers have wanted it to be.

They long have insisted that once clear of television, boxing would enjoy a tremendous rally, and the small clubs, placed on the same level with the big ones, would be revived.

Let us examine the impacts of the NBC decision on the boxers.

Without television receipts, the Garden management will have to revise the returns offered to boxers. They would not get the usual TV cut. This means that there will be downward revision of boxer revenue and some upward revision of Garden offerings to fighters.

If NBC extends its policy on the Friday night boxing to big championship fights, boxers will feel the effect sharply.

Many of those who are close to the boxing TV situation say that the NBC move will hasten pay-as-you-view television in boxing, and strengthen the position of Tele-Prompter, which stands out in the closed circuit theater telecasting of fights.

Others insist that the FCC never will allow pay-as-you-view in sports, and that boxing and baseball both are doomed to disappointment on that score.

BAD PUBLICITY FOR BOXING PROMPTED MOVE

The NBC move was actuated by one factor,—unfavorable publicity in boxing.

Frankie Carbo's being sent to jail, revelations in the promotion set-up for the Johansson-Patterson fight last June, investigations by District Attorney Frank Hogan, of New York County, the FBI, and the New York Commission headed by General Melvin Krulewitch, all left behind a bad odor.

NBC felt that it could not afford to keep its viewers in the neighborhood of this series of smells, especially in the aftermath of television's fake quiz scandals.

On top of all this came the announcement by Senator John J. McClellan, of the Senate Rackets Committee, and Senator Estes Kefauver, of the Senate Anti-monopoly Subcommittee, of intention to call hearings into the boxing situation.

It appears that McClellan and Kefauver are not likely to dig out anything which has not already come to light.

However, this is a big election year. Politicians are eager to grab every possible publicity opportunity and capitalize on every headline chance.

If McClellan and Kefauver believe they can add to the fund of information concerning the griefs to which boxing has been subjected, let them go ahead.

The Garden in New York, through Ned Irish and Admiral Bergen, says it will go right on promoting Friday night fights, television or no television. That is the most important feature of recent developments.

NUMBER OF RING FATALITIES REDUCED TO MINIMUM

When one considers the large number of boxers who compete on a world-wide scale, it is amazing to note the few fatalities recorded during the past year. Although there were eleven listed, seven amateurs and four professionals, one more than the previous year, the percentage of deaths is infinitesmal.

With 2077 boxers having competed in three or more bouts as professionals, close to 2000 additional competitors in one or two contests, and almost 7000 amateurs registered in the countries that are preparing for the Rome Olympic Games, one would expect an extensive list due to the severity of every contact sport.

Take American football, for example. According to the report of Dr. Floyd Eastwood, of Los Angeles City College, to the American Football Coaches Association, there were thirty-one deaths on the gridiron in 1959, the largest since 1947.

In boxing, not one professional fatality took place in the United States, the cleanest record in more than a quarter of a century. Three amateurs succumbed after bouts in England and four in our country, two of them collegians and two Golden Glovers. Yet the cry against boxing and a call for its abolition continues.

Why a clean slate among the pros? Because the medical advisors of our boxing commissions are on the alert. No longer do they listen to the boos and the catcalls of fans who yell for blood.

The majority of enthusiasts who attend boxing shows have become educated to the fact that a one-sided contest or one in which a contestant has suffered severe cuts should be stopped. They take it in the proper spirit and because of their cooperation and the speedy action of the doctors, many of the dangers of the past have been eliminated.

Those who shout "Let's Kill Boxing", had better study the college football report.

Should the suggestion of Pope John XXIII be accepted by

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IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

World Champion Don Jordan, on a barnstorming junket, is knocked out by a comparative unknown. Top-rated title contenders are beaten by unrated opponents. Excitment is rife these days in boxing's one-time "'step-child," the welterweight division. The colorful history of this active class is covered by Jersey Jones in "The Helter-Skelter Welters."

Ray Robinson's return to action in his middleweight championship fight with Paul Pender will be covered by Nat Fleischer. The fight will be covered with loads of action shots as well as "Mr. Boxing's" inside dope on Robinson's future.

The world bantamweight fight between Champion Joe Becerra and Alphonse Halimi and the Junior welterweight fight between Carlos Ortiz and Battling Torres will also get full coverage in reports by the Ring's staff and in photos as well.

In addition The Ring staff will bring to its readers latest news, pictures and gossip in the mat world, up to the minute fight news and stories from around the globe, and don't forget The Ring Detective will be back with another of his facinating dissections of a boxing mystery.

Want to know the inside on what's going on in boxing? Who are the men behind the scenes? Only The Ring with its numerous correspondents posted around the globe and the world's top boxing experts on its staff can gain the news and analyzes it long before anyone else.

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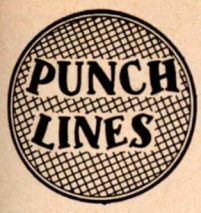

FROM OUR READERS

DECISIONS, ALWAYS DECISIONS

Gentlemen:

I have been reading "Ring" magazine for over 30 years and I have a number of your Record Books on my shelves. I am delighted with your Record Book and while I like your magazine very much too, I feel that you should be critical respecting many of the terrible decisions that are rendered by officials who cannot possibly be as stupid as their adjudications in many instances prove them to be.

The so-called contest between Fullmer and Webb is an example and a good one too, of what I mean—I am looking forward to "Ring's" comments on it. I gave Fullmer four rounds out of the fifteen and while I did not take any away from Fullmer for fouls, had I been employing this method, he would have lost the four I credited him with. Many of Fullmer's fouls went off course, falling on barren territory, between Webb's legs, just above his knees.

Fullmer lunged around the ring like a drunken bear and looked like a baboon—both animals being on roller skates. The decision reminded me of the one given in the same state on Aug. 8, '52, by Jack Dempsey against Ezzard Charles when he gave Rex Layne the decision on the basis that he had won two rounds, calling the other seven even.

I am going to continue to read "Ring" in the hope that someday you will report on fights in a forthright manner, calling them on your pages as they were actually seen by the men commenting on them. Please do not employ that unnecessary loyalty to the officials as the basis of your summary. Additional wrongs do not make rights just because they make a crime unanimous; as North America is not Russia, you may speak freely and without fear, favor or affection.

Naturally, I do not blame you for the ridiculous decisions that are marring a wonderful sports spectacle but I do believe that the expression of forthright appraisal may remove some of the reader dismay and in addition, may well do something to correct a "sloppy" situation.

John A. Primrose
Ottawa, Canada

HALL OF FAME?

Sir:

It is inevitable in any sport and in any decade that certain individuals stand head and shoulders above their contemporaries in ability. A Hall of Fame is a fitting way to remember those who have added lustre to a sport.

However it seems to me that annual elections to a Hall of Fame are completely irrelevant and will lead in time to a state where lesser beings will be immortalized along with the recognized elite.

Surely it is obvious that in any decade certain boxers will always be remembered for their fistic prowess. The passing of years does not erase their names from the history of the sport and inconsequence they become immortalized—their names remembered as long as boxing itself exists. Perhaps in the future the only men who will be remembered who added lustre to the sport in this decade will be Marciano, Robinson, Moore and Perez.

The elite exist in every decade. They cannot fail on one year's ballot and be elected to the Hall of Fame twelve months later. Either a boxer is considered by your panels to be a 'great' or not. Surely your present method of selection means that inevitably every name that is proposed will in time be elected. As names are added to the Hall of Fame's roster, so those who missed nomination will in the course of time increase their votes and thus achieve the immortality they probably have anyway.

Should not your various selecting groups decide now which boxers in a certain decade deserve immortality in the Hall of Fame? Then once they have made their selection no more boxers from the past should be added. This system would mean of course that your selection committees would need meet once every ten years or so.

D. Chamberlain
Prospect, Conn.

SOME MOYER

Gentlemen:

I would like to defend Sid Flaherty against the charge made by Alex Catlin concerning the "mismanaging" of young Denny Moyer.

Moyer, although 19, has the poise of most seasoned fighters. In fact, it has been said by boxing experts that his boxing ability cannot be matched by anyone in the welterweight division.

I think it would be safe to assume that the welterweight division has not had such a light hitting champion in years. It is for this reason that Flaherty signed for the match. Denny did not get hurt in the bout and the experience he gained was immeasurable.

During the past four months, Moyer has been listed as the fourth ranking contender, consequently the title fight in July did not lower his stock as a worthy challenger for the title in the future.

Mike Krause
Idaho State College

WHAT'S THE SCORE?

Gentlemen:

I just finished watching the Len Mathews, Willie Toweel fight, I never liked the "round scoring system," but now I think it is absolutely the lousiest system in the world. Mathews dropped Toweel twice, and gave him a sound beating. He beat him easily on points. He would have won in any state but New York. I still don't think Toweel deserved a win. Boxing is the only sport where there isn't a universally accepted scoring system. I think thats one thing boxing really needs.

Barry Koss
Los Angeles, Calif.

OH, THE YANKS ARE COMING!

A great many of American fighters have visited Britain recently. These Americans have thrilled the British fight fans. Although they have won and lost, they hardly ever failed to please. A rated American opposing a British fighter is always a great drawing card.

We have had Zora Folley, Willie Pastrano, Ezzard Charles, heavyweights, Lightheavy Archie Moore. Middleweights Spider Webb, Ray Robinson, Lightweights Carlos Ortiz, Joey Lopes. Featherweight champion Davey Moore was the most recent Yank to show over here.

I have been reading your excellent "Ring" magazine for 2 years and have enjoyed every page of it.

James Graser,
Inverness
Scotland

BLINK JOHNS

Gentlemen:

I have followed boxing from the time you could only read in the newspapers who was champ, through radio when you could hear it. It was wonderful.

Next came T V which you could see, hear some of their blows and have some one to tell you it wasn't as good as it looked.

My gripe is with some of the decisions which are rotten enough to even smell on T V.

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Gene Fullmer, right, pounding out 14 round knockout over Carmen Basilio for the N.B.A. version of the middleweight title.

N. B. A. Middleweight Champ Not Rated With Greats Of The Past

HOW GOOD IS FULLMER?

By NAT FLEISCHER

THE one-sided decision in the Fullmer-Webb N. B. A. middleweight championship bout created quite a rumpus. Ringsiders were almost unanimous in their opinion that Gene had defeated the Spider, but definitely not by the big margin given by the three officials, especially the judge who gave Fullmer thirteen of the fifteen rounds and called the other two even. TV viewers flooded The Ring magazine office with protests.

"Another home town verdict," some complained. *"Webb was jobbed. He outclassed Fullmer."*

"What kind of a champion is Gene, who back-pedalled in most of the rounds, yet received the unanimous decision?"

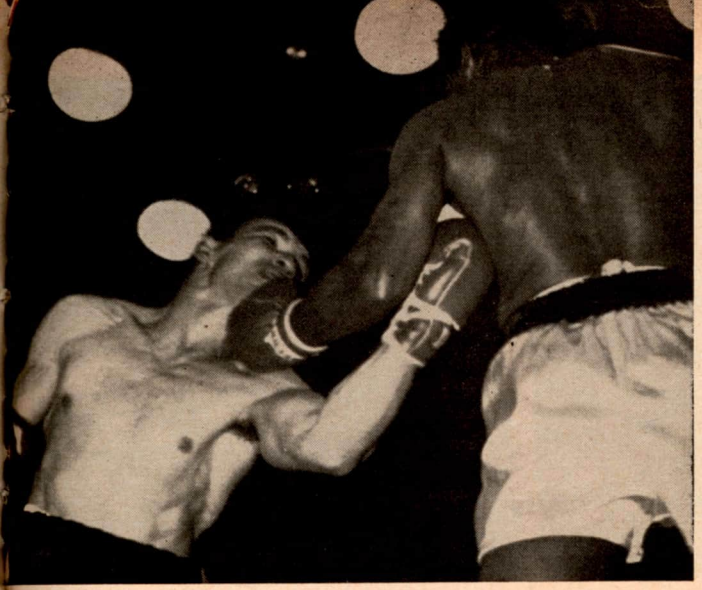
The Ring Magazine editor was at the ringside. He thought Gene was entitled to the verdict.

"What kind of a champion is Fullmer," wrote Ronald Haywood of Fresno, Calif.

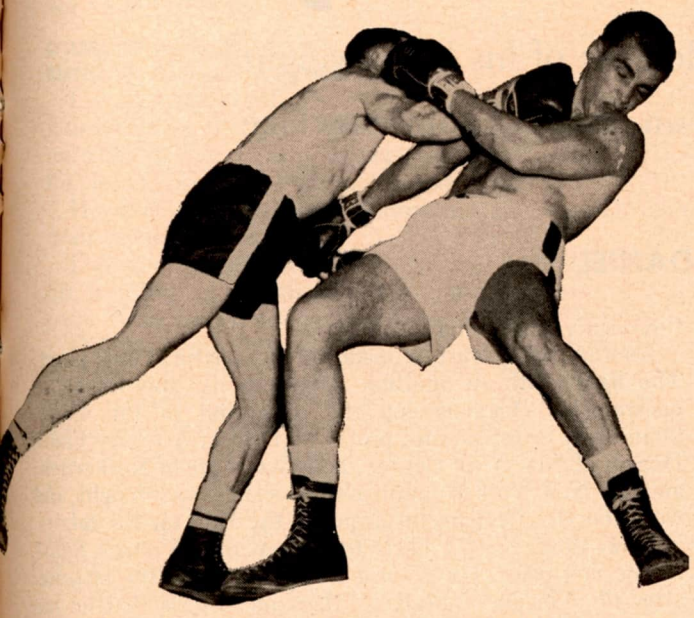
"Can Gene be classed with any of the top middleweights of the past"?, asked Harold Christie of Houston, Tex. *"In my opinion Gene would have been battered by any of the clever middleweights listed in your top ranking of world boxers."*

Let's analyze Fullmer's record and see how good he really is. Where does he fit in with the greats in what was once one of the greatest of all classes in boxing—the middleweight division. What has Gene accomplished both before and after he had won the crown from Ray Robinson.

Fullmer is listed by this publication as the best middleweight for 1959, rated above Robinson, who though shorn of his crown by the N. B. A., is recognized as the world title holder

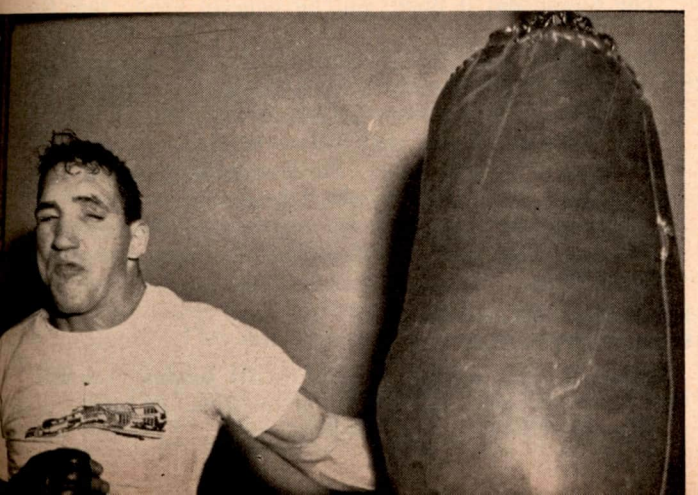


Fullmer, left, took left hook flush on the jaw as he was moving in on Ray Robinson and was knocked kicking in the fourth session of their scheduled fifteen round world championship fight which saw Robbie win the middleweight crown for an unprecedented fourth time.



Fullmer, left, undefeated at this point, made his Eastern debut at Eastern Parkway Arena to win a unanimous decision over the favored Jackie LaBua in ten rounds.

Fullmer, always in tip top condition, seen here giving the works to the heavy punching bag to develop his soporific sock.



by New York and Massachusetts and in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America.

What are the assets one looks for when discussing ring greats? Extraordinary ring science is one. Powerful hitting is another. But if one possesses both, he is somebody special.

Scientific boxing includes feinting, ducking, parrying punches, sidestepping, countering and good blocking. How many of these assets does Gene possess?

Is Fullmer a combination fighter? Can he keep an opponent off balance by clever jabbing? Is he a quick thinker?

A boxer possessing all of the above assets would be the perfect fighter. But how many such have there been within the past half century?

A boxer may possess cleverness or he may be a hard hitter. Seldom is he both. We must consider the calibre of the individual as he stands up under current rules and regulations and against the type of opposition which he must face.

Not in many years have we had a boxer who could be called a master. No longer do we find the likes of Joe Gans or Benny Leonard. Nor are there any Jack Johnsons.

Hence we must consider the boxers of to-day in terms of the available talent. When attacks are made on pugilists of this era because they lack some of the features of great boxing men of the past, we assume an unfair attitude toward the present day fighters. That figures in the case of Fullmer.

Fullmer always enters the ring in perfect condition. He is a fighter of determination. He possesses strength and durability. These four, combined with ordinary fighting qualities, have enabled him to reach the heights but he definitely does not rate with the masters of the past.

Gene is neither a good puncher nor a heavy hitter. He is what in ring parlance is known as a mauler. But he is a crowd pleaser because no matter his short-comings compared to those who ruled in the past, he puts up a good fight.

Fullmer lacks cleverness as we like to see it, but is awkwardly clever, employing a style that baffles and frequently angers an opponent to the extent that he becomes wild. That is what happened when Fullmer fought Webb, who though aggressive, was ineffectively so.

Fullmer often circled the ring waiting for an opening—a boresome style. Then suddenly he opened with an offense that kept the spectators in suspense. Asked why he had changed from the aggressive, two-fisted attack he displayed against Bassilio—his best and most thrilling encounter, he replied.

"I'm the one who had a title at stake and Webb is the man who wanted it. It was up to him to come and take it from me. This he didn't do. He didn't tear into me as did Basilio. Therefore I didn't have to fight him as I did Carmen. Had he forced the fight, I would have exchanged blows with him as I did in the Basilio bout."

It was that type of fighting that caused many TV viewers to object to the verdict. They credited Webb with aggressiveness though those at the fight noted how ineffective that aggressiveness was.

"I wanted him to do the leading," Fullmer remarked in the dressing room. *"I would have liked to have repeated my performance when I stopped Basilio. Webb was responsible for my failure to do so."*

That failure caused Fullmer a loss in prestige, but it didn't bring down his high ranking for the year.

So much for the analysis of Fullmer's performances in 1959. What about other years? What does his fighting background show?

As an amateur he had an excellent record. Few have had as thorough a schooling both as a simon pure and a pro. If ever a fighter went through the mill to prepare himself for a boxing career, Gene is one of them.

His schooling began when he was only a kid. As an

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Ingemar Johansson talks over contract to fight Patterson with his business adviser Edwin Ahlquist as June fight becomes reality.

Ingemar Johansson—Again!

Swede likely successful in defense of his heavyweight crown against Floyd Patterson, as new promoters face big financial problem

By DAN DANIEL

THAT there will be a second contest between Ingemar Johansson and Floyd Patterson in New York in June may be assumed with safety.

Johansson wants to defend the title he took from Floyd in Yankee Stadium last June 26. Certainly Patterson is eager to make the effort to recover the heavyweight championship of the world, and achieve a feat without precedent. Most emphatically, the boxing picture in these United States needs the impetus of a heavyweight title bout, and the fans demand action.

With all of this conceded, where do we stand? Let us begin with Patterson's chances. After the American had been knocked out in three rounds by Johansson, something strange developed. Sports pages were full of statements that in the return fight, then seemingly certain to be contested in September of 1959, Patterson, despite his having been beaten so decisively, would come into the ring the favorite.

Nowhere in the annals of the heavyweight division could any counterpart of this be located.

On what basis did the experts decide that Patterson would be the favorite? What did they have to go on? What secret, lethal weapon did Floyd hold in reserve? What deadly hex could Cus D'Amato concoct for the second fight?

The truth of it is that the experts, who by so big a majority had picked Patterson to beat the Swede, were trying to build up a defense for their having made so grievous an error. They wished to lead the fans to infer that the knockout was something in the nature of a fluke.

SWEDE'S RIGHT CERTAINLY WAS DEADLY "FLUKE"

The righthanded "fluke" with which Johansson stopped Patterson was punishing, decisive, conclusive, explosive and thoroughly convincing.

Another thing must be made very emphatic at this point. The fight, with its multiple ramifications, appearance of questionable characters on the stage and in the wings, Grand Jury investigations, probes by District Attorney Frank Hogan, of New York County, and Gen. Melvin Krulewitch, and his New York Commission associates, was fought and won honestly. Johansson acquired the title on his merits.

Now, then, what is likely to happen in the return fight? In the first place, Patterson is not going to be the favorite, after all. Nor does The Ring Magazine believe that he has it in him to reverse the knockout defeat of last June.

Greater heavyweights than Patterson have tried to recover the world title, once lost, and have failed. Some day it will be done. But the time is not yet.

There will be fistics, physical, technical and psychological factors in the second fight, and all of them will be in favor of Johansson.

The Swede did it once, and he believes firmly that he can do it again.

By the same token, the American lost once, and he must know that he can lose again. The memory of the right-handed blasting he got from Johansson will not down.

This does not mean that Patterson's chances are too small to merit consideration. He is a studious figher, and he has had a long time in which to determine where he made his mistakes, and how he might correct them.

Perhaps Patterson will catch Johansson riding a wave of overconfidence.

INGO ONCE AGAIN WILL PLAN SHORT ENCOUNTER

However, in the normal course of events, Johansson should beat Patterson again. The Swede unquestionably again will make every effort to end the fight early. Patterson un-

doubtedly will try to force the reigning champion into a boxing match and a fight in which the challenger will try to wear his man down.

Patterson has been a dedicated man ever since June 1959. He has been training faithfully. Perhaps, too faithfully. He may come into the ring stale. He should consult Archie Moore about this and stay away from the threat of being over-trained, as Moore was the night he was knocked out by Patterson in Chicago.

There is an impression that Johansson, who has been in Hollywood a lot making a picture, and television appearances, and in New York, also for TV work, has been taking it far too easy. This is denied stoutly by the Swede, who says, "Let me worry about my condition."

The history of the heavyweight division supports the expectation that Johansson not only will win a second time, but duplicate his knockout success of last June.

This does not mean that Johansson is a ring paragon, that he is one of the greatest fighters of the decade, and that he is a polished technician. But he shapes up as the best heavyweight in the business.

There are experts who believe that Sonny Liston would make a better showing than Patterson. There are some who will tell you that Liston would stop Johansson. Be all that as it may, Johansson is going to fight Patterson, and not Liston, in June.

D'AMATO BARRED FROM BEING IN FLOYD'S CORNER

Cus D'Amato, still Patterson's manager outside of the jurisdiction of the New York Commission, will not be permitted to be in Floyd's corner come June. Cus has lost his licenses in New York as a manager and handler.

However, the New York Commission cannot bar D'Amato from training Patterson.

D'Amato has not been a mental and technical giant in his handling of Patterson. But Cus may come up with some interesting ideas, perhaps even the Great Panacea.

D'Amato and Patterson have been studying both movies and memories of the June 1959 fight, and perhaps they have spotted the fatal mistakes, the most fatal of which was getting into the ring with Johansson.

It appears that to beat the Swede a heavyweight would need a deadly punch, a sock which would win all by itself.

Patterson has not shown any such wallop. Nor is he the kind of a fighter who would be likely to build up a one swing "convincer."

Expert opinion on Floyd varies. One school insists that he was rushed along too fast. Another shouts that he was moved along too slowly.

Being kept in deep freeze while D'Amato pursued his Holy Crusade against Jim Norris and the International Boxing Club certainly did Patterson no good. Nor were his opponents picked with an eye to making him fight at his best. Rocky Marciano, in his heyday, would have stopped Pete Rademacher and Roy Harris in a couple of rounds on the same night.

Is it likely that D'Amato now will be able to correct the mistakes he made in handling Patterson when he was the champion? This does not appear to be likely.

FIRST FIGHT FAILED TO DRAW $500,000

Now let us examine the promotional aspects of the second match, and determine how much of a chance it has to make money. The first battle was a financial flop.

The fight of June 1959 was a loser for many reasons. To begin with, only 18,215 persons paid their way into Yankee Staudium. This doubtless traced to the bad press which the Swede got. His chances were rated very low.

The money take came to a disappointing $470,717.25, instead of the rosy million which Bill Rosensohn, the Boy Promoter, had predicted so confidently and blithely.

Rosensohn was inexperienced, and operated with a lavish hand. There were, too extraneous expenses which had to do with lawyers' fees growing out of the Machen suit to force Johansson to meet him.

In any event, the fight lost a lot of money. Had the return engagement been put on in September, it would have made a vastly stronger showing at the box office. The fight was hot. Could be, it has chilled in so far as New York is concerned.

New York is the city in which there were charges that hoodlums had been connected in one way or another with the promotion of last June.

The promoters of the first fight have been eliminated. A new group headed by Roy Cohn, a lawyer, is behind the rematch. Those associated with him have passed the scrutiny of the FBI, the New York Commission and District Attorney Hogan.

The Cohn syndicate will offer an interesting championship fight, be it in Yankee Stadium or the Polo Grounds. The names behind the promotion are impressive.

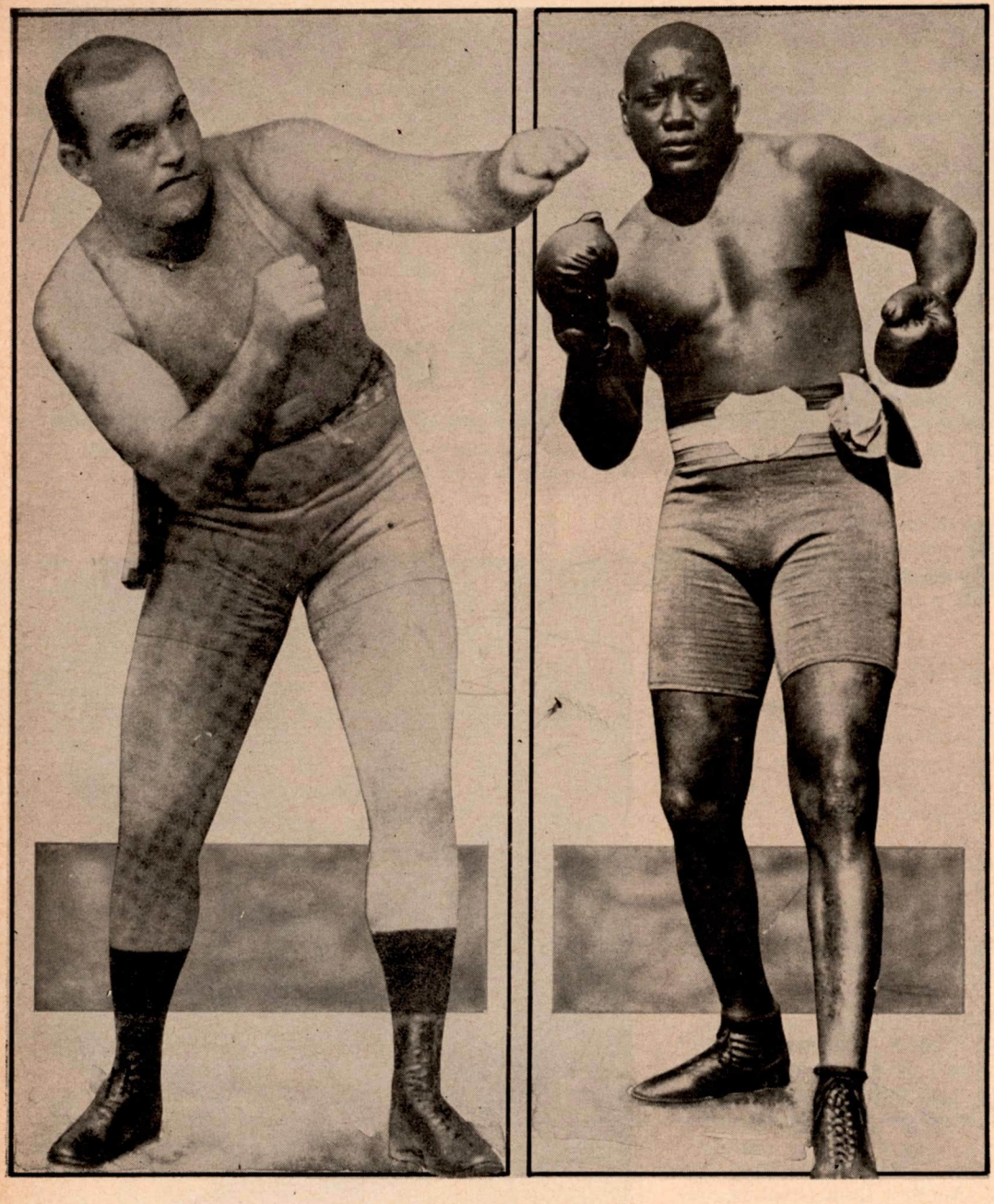
Cus D'Amato, Patterson's manager, getting set for serious training, discusses strategy with the challenger to make sure that Johansson's right hand doesn't land on the same place for second time.

However, it would occasion no surprise if the million dollar gate which again is promised will not materialize and the promotion achieves little more than the half million mark.

There are experienced analysts who maintain that the second fight should have been moved all the way to Los Angeles, far from the area in which the first promotion has suffered so severely from the investigators' probes.

Be that as it may Cohn and his partners envision a big haul from closed circuit theatre TV, with a widely played up Johansson spurring popular spending in that direction.

The new setup should react strongly on public confidence. Fight aficionados should see in the revised picture the promise of brighter things not only in the rematch, but after that.



SENATOR FORD

Jeffries-Johnson affair still reeks with unpleasant odors after forty-nine years

Left to right, James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson as they both looked at the peak of their careers.

FIX AND COUNTER FIX

By SENATOR FORD

A RECENT magazine article on the highlights and lowlights in the hectic life of former heavyweight champion Jack Johnson, fanned up a few dormant memories of the Jeffries-Johnson "fight" in Reno, Nevada, on that broiling afternoon of July 4, 1910.

Just what is the lowdown on that first "Battle of The Century"? It might have the dubious honor of being the ring's first double-double cross.

Reams of copy have been written about this controversial battle, and barroom arguments are still rampant on a field of sawdust and beer smells. But there is one story that, to my knowledge, has never appeared in print, nor have I ever heard it mentioned by the boxing experts. It was told to me by a top authority and I pass this hitherto undisclosed information on for what it is worth. Although it all happened forty-nine years ago, it still makes a lot of sense.

Before getting into the meat of the plot, it might be advisable to do a once-over-lightly of "Whose Who In The Cast." This is to spur the memories of the old-timers, and serve as a McGuffey's first reader for the young fight fans.

JEFFRIES, IN PRIME, WAS FORMIDABLE FIGHTER

James J. Jeffries, son of a minister, is considered one of pugilism's all-time greats. Many experts have put him at the top. He must have been

good to win the heavyweight championship in his eleventh professional fight in a field of such masters as Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Corbett, Tom Sharkey, Gus Ruhlin, Peter Maher, Joe Choynski, and Kid McCoy.

Jeffries in his prime had everything. He had dynamite in his fists, he could absorb punishment that would have floored most fighters, and he was exceptionally fast for a 220 pounder. After their second fight, Jim Corbett said that Jeffries was quicker than he was in that bout. Coming from one of the fastest heavies of all time that was indeed a tribute.

Lack of opposition forced Jeffries to retire in 1905, and the five years of idleness and soft living had taken their toll when he signed to fight Johnson. Even for a man physically sound such a hiatus was bound to sap his stamina and ruin his timing, judgment of distance, and coordination.

But in addition, Jeffries was ill when he began training for the Johnson fight. When he stepped into the ring that July 4 he was only a shell of the invincible giant who had stopped Fitzsimmons and Corbett twice, and had fought twenty and twenty-five round bouts with Tom Sharkey. The Johnson fight was a sad finish for a champion in and out of the ring. They never come back.

Johnson, the Galveston stevedore, was a fistic enigma. Dumb Dan Morgan, who knew all the answers rated Johnson the greatest defensive fighter he had ever seen.

JOHNSON INVOLVED IN TOO MANY BAD ONES

The Black Panther, of the flashing gold-teeth-smile and teeth-shattering uppercut, always appeared to be fighting under wraps. He never seemed to be extending himself to the limit. Johnson always could give the impression that he could murder the opposition any time he chose, which was an illusion.

Unlike Joe Louis, Johnson did not meet all-comers. For example, he would never fight Sam Langford for the championship, although he outweighed Sam by fifty pounds. Johnson had fought Langford once and although he got the decision he didn't want any part of "The Boston Tar Baby" after that.

Nobody knows how Johnson would have fared in the heyday of the Jeffries contemporaries because he never fought a first class heavyweight.. The Jeffries "thing" can be filed in a convenient ash can as will be disclosed later.

Johnson was involved in too many bouts and escapades that didn't smell like crabapple blossoms. Johnson's part of the Ketchel fight had a distinct aroma of a defunct scrod. Whether or not Ketchel was in on the deal is beside the point.

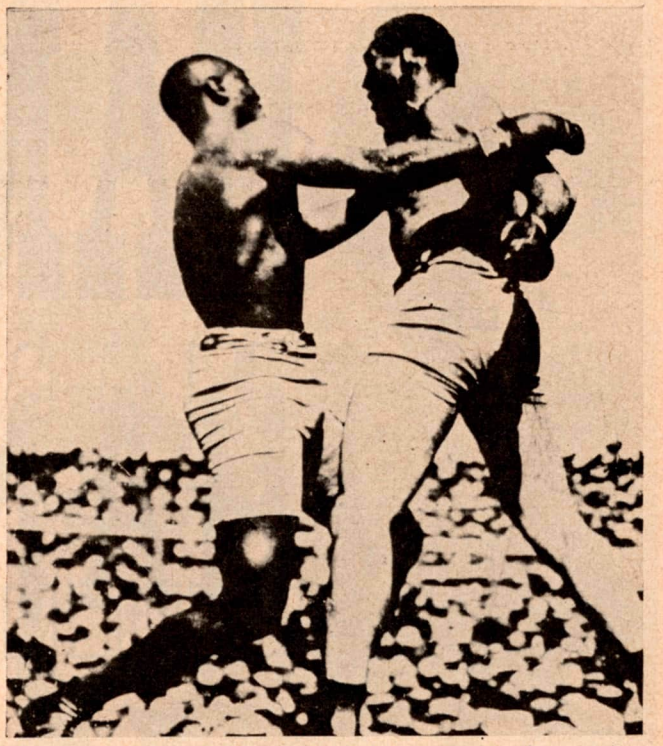
It is known that Johnson agreed to carry Stanley although Ketchel was only a middleweight, albeit a darned good one. Johnson did toy with Ketchel until the twelfth round when Stanley floored Jack with a sneak right.

Johnson got up, a little surprised, and proceeded to flatten Ketchel with a volley of lefts and rights. His gloves were ripped by violent contact with the Michigan Assassin's teeth. Harry Hershfield, sitting at ringside, found one of Ketchel's teeth in his lap.

AS TO THAT JOHNSON "DIVE" FOR WILLARD

The Willard-Johnson fight is also food for debate. Johnson later wrote a book in which he told how and why he had thrown the fight to Jess. This confession hasn't much to substantiate it. In the first place, why would a man go twenty-six rounds in a broiling sun to take a dive?

Those who cite the picture of Johnson on his back shading his eyes from the blazing Havana sun had better take a closer look. The picture shows the sun shining *in* his eyes. It's his chin that's in shadow.



Johnson (left) beat Jeffries decisively before knocking him out in fifteen rounds on a broiling July 4, 1910, afternoon, at Reno, Nevada.

Johnson fought over a period of twenty-five years. He was undoubtedly a master craftsman when he wanted to be. He could have been a credit to the fight game both in and out of the ring.

So much for the clipped thumbnail sketches of the principals in the cast of the Reno version of Caesar and The Moor of Menace. Now for the exclusive of the Jeffries-Johnson set-up.

In 1910 I was singing bass in a male quartette known as the Tuxedo Four. How we arrived at that name I'll never know. It was a titular misnomer because we wore sports clothes, not dinner jackets; and not one of us had hailed from, or had ever been in Tuxedo, that up-sweep nose colony in Orange County, New York.

In June of that year, the Tuxedo Four was booked to appear for five weeks at "The Circle." This was also a misnomer because the building was rectangular, not round. "The Circle" was a typical road house of the period located just outside of Prospect Park in Brooklyn.

FITZ'S OLD MANAGER WAS "CIRCLE'S" IMPRESARIO

This nectar and ambrosia haven was divided into two parts: an open beer garden, and an indoor restaurant. The five act show worked on a stage at one side of the garden. Festoons of colored lights hung in arcs over the tables where staid married couples sipped beer, and the unmarried dates gulped more potent beverages.

We worked outdoors in the garden except when it rained. Then we were hustled into the restaurant where we would do a floor show for the higher class patrons. Our quartette was a hit outdoors with the beer drinkers but only so-so indoors with the more discerning customers.

The booker and stage manager of "The Circle" was a man named Martin Julian. That name should ring a bell with older fight fans. Years before, Julian had done an acrobatic act in vaudeville with his sister Rose, but the act bade the stage good-bye when Rose married Bob Fitzsimmons, and Martin became Fitz's manager.

This sequence may have been in reverse but the rela-

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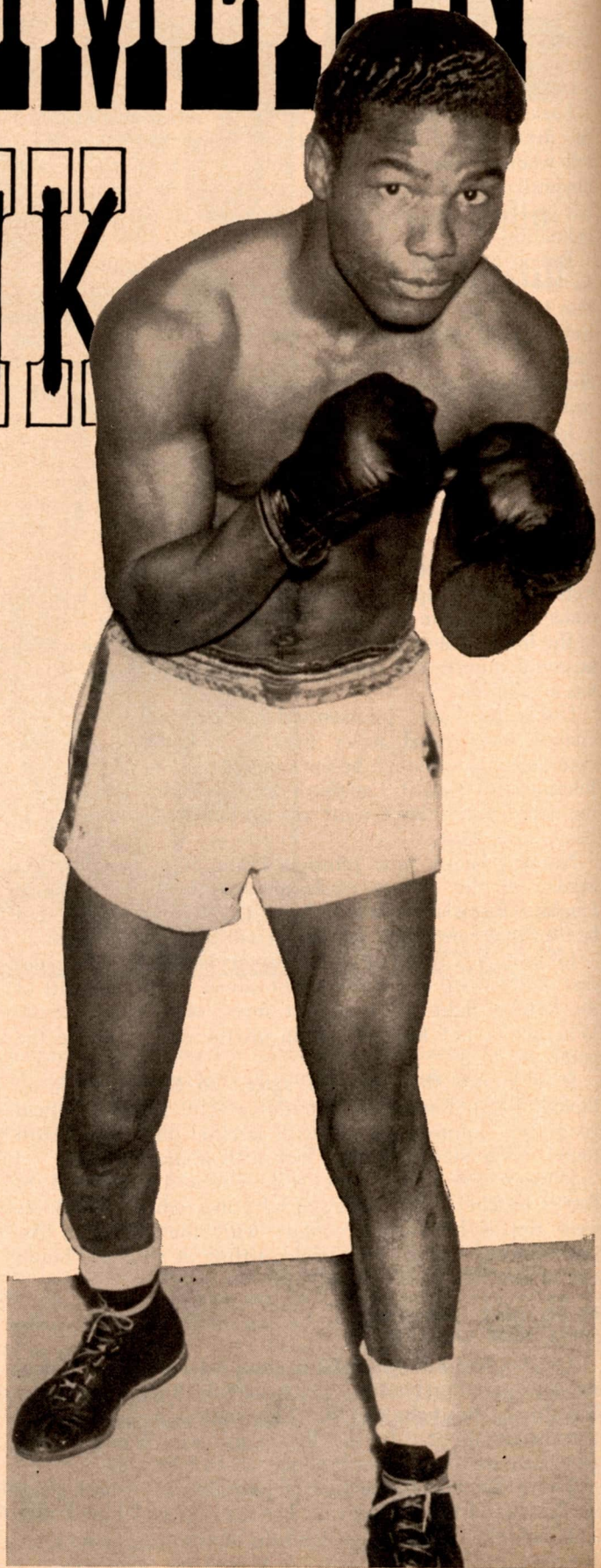
HAMMERIN' HANK

By LEW ESKIN



BOXING is one sport where too much ability can be as much of a handicap towards reaching the top as too little. This was the hard cold fact facing Detroit middleweight Henry Hank.

Henry, born Joseph Harrison in Greenville, Mississippi the second of two sons of Graham and Mary Harrison, was only six months old when his father died. His mother packed up her two young sons and moved to Detroit to live with her brother.

So Henry is very close to being a native son of the Motor City. His older brother Graham Jr. is a career Army man who enlisted in 1952 and presently holds the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Henry picked up his fighting name while in the amateurs. He was christened by his trainer Taylor (Smitty) Smith, who said that his slam-bang style reminded him of Henry Armstrong and thereafter Henry Hank became known as Hammerin' Hank. As a sixteen year old lightweight, Hank fought 25 bouts, losing only 2 and scoring 21 knockouts.

He was only three weeks past his seventeenth birthday when he turned pro on February 26, 1953 and scored a one round kayo of Del Monroe. Hank scored two more quick kayos in Detroit. Then four months later he traveled to Grand Rapids where he was paired with the experienced southpaw, Jed Black, a former collegiate champion who had a string of 21 straight wins and Black proved too much for Henry who lost the decision after six rounds.

Hank scored three more wins, fought a draw with Rudy Gwin, then copped two more victories before dropping another decision, this time to Larue Harvey whom he had previously beaten. He followed that with a pair of kayos then again defeated Harvey. Three more wins followed including a one round kayo of Gene Porier. Hank was then nineteen and with seventeen fights behind him, none of the local boxers around Detroit wanted anything to do with him.

His manager and long time friend Jim Bowlin was faced with a problem. He was offered a fight with Virgil Akins for Hank. Akins had been a top lightweight, but since growing into a welterweight, had lost five of six.

"I decided to gamble", said Bowlin. *"I knew Virgil was still a real good fighter, but no one wanted to fight Henry and I felt that if he won, he would gain more than he would lose by losing".*

Henry put up a good fight but Akins was too ringwise and captured the decision after eight tough rounds. The following year Hank had five fights. He won his first by kayo, then lost three in a row to Leffie Walker, Lloyd Triplett and Gordon Wallace. He got back on the winning path with a kayo over Bob Stecher but did not look impressive in winning.

"I was only twenty, but discouraged" said Hank. *"I had a growing family to worry about and was getting nowhere as a fighter so I quit and went to work, but after eight months was back again."*

This time Henry showed better, he kayoed Rudy Gwin with whom he previously had drawn then defeated Leffie Walker and added another win before being paired with Charlie Cotton. Cotton in that year, was at his peak with wins over Joey Giardello (twice) and a close loss to Rory Calhoun the fight before facing Hank.

It was a bruising fight and although Cotton gained the decision, it was the turning point in Cotton's career. The pounding he took from Hank took something out of Charlie and he went on to lose ten fights in a row.

Things really went bad after that for Henry too, as he fought only once in the next seventeen months when he again defeated Walker. The entry into the promotion field in 1958 by C. W. Smith who started a small club in Detroit, gave Hank the long awaited chance, and he came through with flying colors.

His first bout was a return meeting with Cotton and he won handily. This was followed with a run of eight straight kayos with Sherman Williams, Cotton, and Rudy Ellis among his victims.

A little heavy from enjoying a real good Thanksgiving for the first time in his boxing career, Hank dropped a decision to Ernie Buford, but three weeks later whipped Buford in a return match.

Until this point in his career Henry had done most of his fights in and around Detroit with a trip to Louisville for two contests the farthest from home he had wandered.

Last year started out with Henry fighting in Toledo where he kayoed an old rival, George Boddie, then was watched with Jimmy Beecham, a top name, Hank surprised by beating Beecham and was rewarded with a match against another top liner, Charley Joseph in New Orleans. The crafty Joseph outmaneuvered Hank and gained the decision but had to survive a strong last round rally by Henry. That showing earned Henry a return bout three weeks later and he came through with a stunning six round kayo, the first time in over seventy fights that Joseph had been halted.

This not only brought him his first real money from a fight but made him a hot favorite with the Crescent City fans. His next bout was a beauty as his came from behind to kayo Willie Vaughn in the final round. He needed a kayo to win in the last three minutes and he produced it. "What a finish," the fans screamed. Yet a month later Hank did it again but this time Neal Rivers was the victim.

By now Hank was the number one drawing card in New Orleans and he was matched with high ranking Holly Mims. The veteran Washington boxer outcutied Hank to win but had some rough moments.

Henry was rematched with Rivers, who could not believe that he could do it to him again. This time it took Hank only four rounds to finish him off.

Another match with Mims followed and with the knowledge picked up in their first fight, Hank was able to turn

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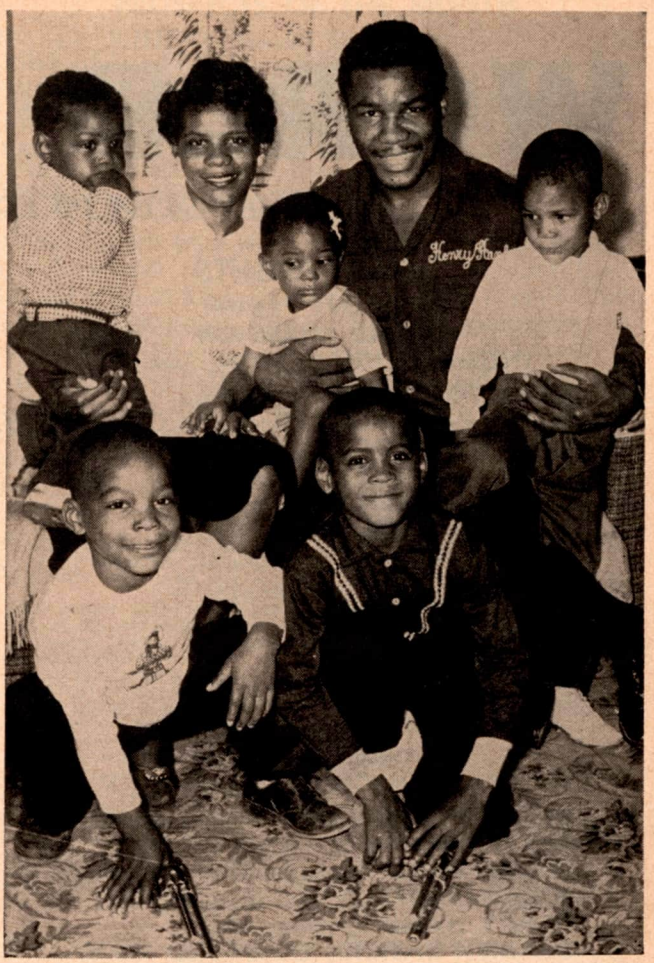
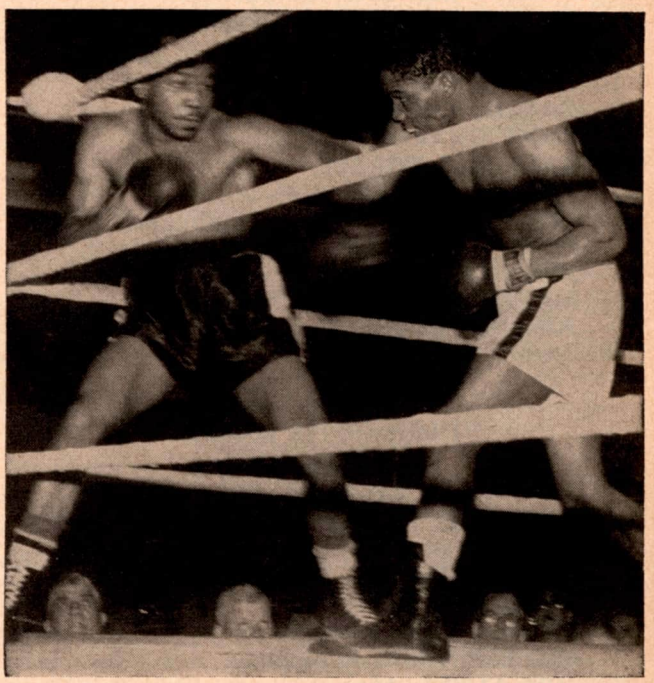


Henry and his wife Vivian pose with their children, Gram, little Vivian and Tony on their laps and Kenneth and Joseph Jr., seated in front on the floor of their living room. The older boys have six guns to protect the family from the big bad camera man.



Henry (right) wades in against Charley Joseph in the sixth round of their April fight. Moments later Henry halted Charley and was on his way up the middleweight ladder. It was this kayo triumph that was the turning point of his career, as he had lost to Joseph only three week before.

By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 20th

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
INGEMAR JOHANSSON, Sweden

1—**ZORA FOLLY,** Chandler, Ariz.
2—**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Rockville Centre, N. Y.
3—**SONNY LISTON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4—**HENRY COOPER,** England
5—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
6—**BILLY HUNTER,** Detroit, Mich.
7—**ROY HARRIS,** Cut and Shoot, Texas
8—**MIKE DeJOHN,** Syracuse, N. Y.
9—**JOE ERSKINE,** Wales
10—**ALEX MITEFF,** Argentina

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
RAY ROBINSON, New York, N. Y.

*1—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
2—**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** Germany
3—**SPIDER WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
4—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
5—**HENRY HANK,** Detroit, Mich.
6—**CARMEN BASILIO,** Chitanango, N. Y.
7—**DICK TIGER,** Nigeria
8—**PAUL PENDER,** Boston, Mass.
9—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** San Francisco, Calif.
10—**HOLLY MIMS,** Washington, D. C.

*N.B.A. Middleweight Champion.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
JOE BROWN, Baton Rouge, La.

1—**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.
*2—**CARLOS ORTIZ,** New York, N. Y.
3—**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
4—**BATTLING TORRES,** Mexico
5—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
6—**LEN MATTHEWS,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**PAUL ARMSTEAD,** Los Angeles, Calif.
8—**JOHNNY GONSALVES,** Oakland, Calif.
9—**MARIO VECCHIATO,** Italy
10—**JOHNNY BUSSO,** New York, N. Y.

*N.B.A. Junior Welterweight Champion.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
JOE BECERRA, Mexico

1—**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
2—**FREDDIE GILROY,** Ireland
3—**EDER JOFRE,** Brazil
4—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
5—**DANNY KID,** Philippines
6—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
7—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
8—**KENJI YONEKURA,** Japan
9—**ERNESTO MIRANDA,** Argentina
10—**HERMAN MARQUES,** Stockton, Calif.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
3—**MIKE HOLT,** South Africa
4—**VON CLAY,** Philadelphia, Pa.
5—**SIXTO RODRIGUEZ,** San Anselmo, Calif.
6—**JESSE BOWDRY,** St. Louis, Mo.
7—**JOHNNY HALAFIHI,** Tonga
8—**SONNY RAY,** Chicago, Ill.
9—**CHIC CALDERWOOD,** Scotland
10—**SANTE AMONTI,** Italy

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
DON JORDAN, Los Angeles, Calif.

1—**LUIS RODRIGUEZ,** Cuba
2—**CHARLEY SCOTT,** Philadelphia, Pa.
3—**RUDELL STITCH,** Louisville, Ky.
4—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
5—**DENNY MOYER,** Portland, Oregon
6—**SUGAR HART,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
8—**FEDERICO THOMPSON,** Argentina
9—**BENNY PARET,** Cuba
10—**FLORENTINO FERNANDEZ,** Cuba

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
DAVEY MOORE, Springfield, O.

1—**RICARDO GONZALEZ,** Argentina
*2—**HAROLD GOMES,** Providence, R. I.
3—**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France
4—**HOGAN (KID) BASSEY,** Nigeria
5—**SERGIO CAPRARI,** Italy
6—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Texas
7—**RAFIU KING,** Nigeria
8—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
9—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
10—**SUGAR RAMOS,** Cuba

*N.B.A. Junior Lightweight Champion.

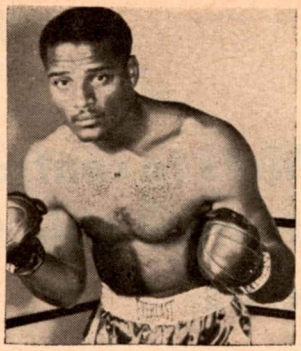
FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
2—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
3—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
4—**DOMMY URSUA,** Stockton, Calif.
5—**MIMUM BEN ALI,** Spain
6—**HIRAM BACALLAO,** Cuba
7—**RISTO LUUKKONEN,** Finland
8—**LARRY PINEDA,** Philippines
9—**JOE MEDEL,** Mexico
10—**RAMON CALATAYUD,** Venezuela

Zora Folley

Fighter of the Month



THERE was little activity among the top men in boxing during the Yuletide season, but with all festivities at an end, champions and top ranked pugilists in all parts of the world are again ready. With Ray Robinson back in harness as we go to press, Jose Becerra to defend his crown against Alphonse Halimi, the welters loaded with top challengers prepared to battle for a chance to tackle Don Jordan for his title, things are beginning to hum despite continued investigations of the sport.

The fight between Eddie Machen and Zora Folley was the outstanding match of the month and with Folley's triumph he passed idle Floyd Patterson, long inactive, for the top challenger's post in the heavyweight division. He gains the Fighter of the Month award. Patterson went down to second place, the lowest he has occupied in a long time.

Jesse Bowdry of St. Louis dropped a peg from fifty to sixth in the light heavyweight division, exchanging posts with Sixto Rodriguez of San Anselmo, Calif., and Johnny Halafihi of Tonga advanced from eighth to seventh, switching places with Sonny Ray of Chicago, Ill.

The middleweights have a menace in Dick Tiger of Nigeria, winner over Holly Mims, who has advanced from ninth to seventh place with his victim down from eighth to tenth, Idle Carmen Basilio has gone down another peg, from fifth to sixth with Henry Hank of Detroit exchanging positions with him. Gustav Scholz of Germany has been advanced from third to second with Spider Webb down from second to third.

Luis Rodriguez of Cuba, winner over Sugar Hart, is now the new top challenger in the welterweight class, with Hart down from third to sixth.

Charley Scott of Philadelphia, upset by Benny Paret of Cuba, dropped from top post to second and Paret gained the ninth spot. Rudell Stitch of Louisville advanced from fourth to third.

Kenny Lane, loser to Ralph Dupas in one of the month's major contests, went down to seventh from fifth with Dupas up from seventh to fourth.

Federico Thompson, of Argentina, who kayoed Don Jordan, swept into the rankings in eighth position. Florentino Fernandez, of Cuba, who reversed his kayo loss to Rocky Kalingo of the Philippines, is back in tenth position with Dulio Loi of Italy, eliminated.

European champion Mario Vecchiato of Italy has moved up from tenth to ninth in the lightweight class, replacing Johnny Busso who dropped a peg. Paul Armstead of Los Angeles traded posts with Johnny Gonsalves of Oakland, in seventh and eighth positions.

Inactivity has kept the featherweight class at a standstill. European champion Gracieux Lamperti of France moved up from fourth to third with former champion Hogan Kid Bassey of Nigeria down from third to fourth. Sergio Caprari of Italy was upped from sixth to fifth with inactive Paul Jorgenson of Port Arthur, Texas, down from fifth to sixth. Flash Elorde, fighting as a lightweight, dropped to ninth from seventh with Rafiu King and Ike Chestnut each up a notch.

Freddie Gilroy of Ireland, rated top performer for the year in Great Britain, leaped into second position among the bantam challengers. He was fourth in the last ratings. Edar Jofre of Brazil, winner over Danny Kid made a good advance, from sixth to third place exchanging posts with Leo Espinosa of the Philippines who lost his Orient title to Kenji Yonekura of Japan who gained eighth place.

PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—Tod Herring, Dallas, Texas
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Babe Simmons, New York, N. Y.
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Stan Garcia, Oakland, Calif.
WELTERWEIGHT—Dick Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Claude LaBonte, Montreal, Canada
FEATHERWEIGHT—Anselmo Castillo, Puerto Rico
BANTAMWEIGHT—Johnny Thomas, Wales
FLYWEIGHT—Juan Hernandez, Mexico

Danny Kid fell from second to fifth with Piero Rollo of Italy from fifth to fourth. Ernesto Miranda of Argentina and Herman Marques each dropped one notch to ninth and tenth with Edwin Sykes of Panama, removed to make way for Yonekura.

In the flyweight class, though Pone Kingpitch had signed to fight Pascual Perez of Argentina for the world crown in Thailand on March 2, he has been replaced as Number One man by Sadao Yaoita of Japan, due to inactivity. Joe Medel of Mexico, beaten again by an unranked foe, dropped from fourth to ninth. Those two losses, and the doubt about him being able to make the weight any longer, caused his big drop.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Zora Folley outboxed Eddie Machen, 12.

Charlie Powell and Howard King drew, 10.

Thoerner Ahsman kayoed Bruno Scarbellin, 5. Tom McNeeley stopped George Logan, 4.

Albert Westphal and Joe Armstrong drew, 10. Willie Richardson outpointed Duke Sabedong, 10.

Sonny Maori beat Chuck Woodworth, 10. Johnny Risberg won over Federico Friso, 10.

Jose Georgetti kayoed Ricardo Gonzalez, 2.

Franco Cavicchi defeated Kitione Lave, 10. Uli Ritter won from Federico Friso, 8, and drew with Alain Cherville, 10. Sonny Moore whipped Tommy Sims, 10.

LaMar Clark kayoed Kooey Garcia, 1, and Kenny Hayden, 1. Uli Nitzschke kayoed Sergio Bioggioggero, 4, and Francis Magnetto, 10. Tony Alongi stopped Ike Welcome, 3, and kayoed Lee Flowers, 6. Ken Kelly kayoed Don Quinn, 2.

Jim McCarter kayoed Tony Emanuel, 2. Bob Avery stopped Lee Williams, 2. Frank Haynes defeated Roy Smith, 6. Carl Looney drew with J. C. Huggins, 6. Stormy Love kayoed Rufus Jones, 2.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Kid Sixto Rodriguez outpointed Orlando DiPietro, 12.

Johnny Halafihi stopped Rolf Peters, 6. Chic Calderwood stopped Jack Whittaker, 7.

Sante Amonti outlasted Sam Langford, 10. Artenio Calazavara won over Dom Baccheschi, 8, and drew with Pekka Kokkonen, 8. Gilbert Chapron defeated Hugo Koehler, 10.

Luis Ignacio kayoed Luis Gonzales, 6. Arthur Howard decisioned Billy Smith, 10. Doug Jones defeated Clarence Floyd, 10. Karl Mildenberger outscored Jimmy Slade, 8, and Win Snoek, 8.

Billy Ryan outfought Bartolo Soni, 10. Bobby Sand kayoed Johnny Hayden, 2. Bobby Stininato lost to middleweight Johnny Morris, 10. Paul Roux edged out Ilde Warnefel, 10.

Neville Rowe stopped Joe Walcott, 4. Freddie Blades stopped Tony Masciarelli, 4. Joe Stevenson kayoed Eddie Ryals, 2. Erwin Hack drew with Alfredo Wogrig, 8, but lost to Plinio Scarabellin, 10. Bobby Stininato kayoed Bobby Hughes, 2. Johnny Otto stopped Paul Rossi, 3.

Dieter Wemhoener bested Hugo Koehler, 10. Ray Augustus stopped Joe Davis, 3.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

British Empire Champion Dick Tiger outscored Holly Mims, 10.

Max Resch scored over Alex Buxton, 10. Wilf Greaves outscored Phil Moyer, 10.

Paul Diaz defeated Sammy Stone, 10. Johnny Morris won over Bobby Stininato, 10. Gilbert Lavoine defeated Lou Perry, 10.

Attu Clottey halted George Aldridge, 7. Memo Ayon whipped Alfonso Flores, 10. Hachiro Tatsumi beat Kennoshin Ishizaki, 10.

Andres Selpa drew with Antonio Diaz, 10, then lost on a disqualification to Juan Carlos Duran, 9.

Peter Mueller whipped Salh ben Farhat, 10. Jesse Smith kayoed Clarence Alford, 3, Clarence had kayoed Candy Martin, 1.

Santiago Gutierrez defeated Al Juergens, 12. Diamante Negro whipped Jess Bogart, 10. George Maddox defeated Jackson Brown, 10. Johnny Cunningham won from Sandy Luke, 8.

Milo Savage whipped Nathan Ish, 6. Claude Williams stopped Sal Fuentes, 6. Duane Horsman kayoed Jimmy Watson, 5.

Obduilio Nunez whipped Larry Jones, 8. Stan Garcia stopped Murphy Holmes, 4. Wilf Greaves stopped Eddie Bell, 3.

Al McLean kayoed Howard Leslie, 6. Willie Stevens bested Fred Roots, 6. Harold Watson defeated Willie Morris, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Luis Rodriguez outscored Sugar Hart, 10.

Kenny Lane stopped Ray Lancaster, 3, but lost to Ralph Dupas, 10.

Florentino Fernandez kayoed Rocky Kalingo, 2. Gasper Ortega edged out Stan Harrington, 10.

Gomeo Brennan won from Mel Barker, 10. Carl Hubbard stopped Stefan Redl, 7. Mexican champion Juan Padilla retained his title drawing with Ray Terrazas, 12. Federico Thompson whipped Juan Carlos Velardez, 10. Charlie (Tombstone) Smith halted Kid Rayo, 7.

Kid Fichique defeated Frankie Anselm, 10. Bruno Visintin defeated Sauveur Chiocca, 10. Emile Griffith whipped Bobby Pena, 10. Jimmy Watkins whipped Bill Flamio, 10.

Eddie Jordan edged out Walter Byars, 10. Bob Terrance and Luis Garduno drew, 12. Dave Cervantes defeated Chilango Rosales, 10. Boswell St. Louis defeated Ron Richardson, 8. Anselmo Najera defeated Luis Zuniga, 12. T. J. Jones kayoed Willie Dillon, 1. Ventarron Reyes bested Toro Garcia, 10.

Jaconias Amorin stopped Mario dos Santos, 5. Jimmy Watkins stopped Don Ross, 4. Freddie Tiedt defeated Al Sharpe, 8.

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Freddy Welsh taking a breather between training sessions for his ill fated match with Benny Leonard for the lightweight championship of the world.

Despite hints to contrary, Leonard won lightweight title from Freddy on his merits

WAS WELSH PROTECTED?

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

ON the night of May 28, 1917, with the first World War in progress, within the limited area of Manhattan Casino in the shadow of the Polo Grounds in New York, Freddy Welsh, lightweight champion of the world, met Benny Leonard for the third time.

The New York boxing law did not permit decisions. They were to toss punches at each other for ten rounds, and unless there was a knockout, the records would say, "No Decision."

New York fight fans were quite excited over Leonard, born into a Jewish family named Leiner in 1896, and a professional boxer since 1912.

Just how many persons saw this third meeting of Welsh and Leonard is revealed in no newspaper accounts of the fight. The gate was a modest $13,149 and Welsh got $5,259.60. Were this contest being projected now it would be scheduled for Yankee Stadium and the champion would be guaranteed $100,000, as a minimum.

In any event, the gate was small, the crowd was small, but the result was tremendous.

Leonard knocked out the Welshman in the ninth round, and took possession of a championship which he held into 1924. Even then, he was not beaten. Benny retired because, at age 28, with apparently good investments guaranteeing his future, he decided to stop fighting. Pressure from his family helped him to make his decision.

That Leonard did not stay retired, but made a comeback as a welterweight which turned out to be a sad and sour venture, is interesting here, but not part of this story.

On the night of May 28, 1917, Leonard was 21 years of age, and Welsh was 31. Benny took fine care of himself, Freddy had become careless about training and condition.

Not only that. In their two previous encounters, both in 1916 in New York, Leonard was the winner by newspaper decision. The title had not been involved.

Why is this battle in which Leonard won the championship included in the Ring Detective Series? Well, through the 43 years which have passed since Welsh was knocked out, a story has persisted.

It has been charged that Welsh was told he would be on his feet and still the champion after the tenth round, and that Benny either disregarded the agreement when he discovered that he could stop the Welshman, or he had not been apprised of the pact by Billy Gibson, his manager.

Let it be explained that back in the ten rounds no decision days in New York, agreements of that sort were all too common.

In any event, the Ring Detective has been busy trying to dig out the facts. Gibson is dead. Leonard passed away in 1947. Welsh has been dead since 1927. Harry Pollok, his manager, also is gone.

But one man who figures in the picture still is with us, the famous Charley Rose, who at 74 delights in reminiscing, and whose fund of boxing stories and experiences deserves collection in a book.

Rose was Welsh's trainer and corner man. Charley had handled the champion in many fights since he took the title from Willie Ritchie in London on July 7, 1914, in 20 rounds, on points.

The Ring Detective one day made the interesting discovery that Rose was not in Welsh's corner the night Freddy was knocked out by Leonard. Why was Rose absent?

The Detective recently invited Rose to discuss this question and he was only too glad to oblige.

"Charley, is it possible that you were not in Welsh's corner because you had heard about the ten rounds guarantee?" Rose was asked.

"I know that there has been talk of some such arrangement, but if there was anything like that between Pollok and Gibson, I knew nothing about it," Rose replied.

"Anyway, Welsh's family would not like any aspersion on the fight.

"As to the reason for my not being in Welsh's corner the night Benny took him—well, I knew what would happen. Welsh had not been taking care of himself. He was older than his accepted age. I begged him not to take the match.

"I said, 'Freddy, this boy is a great fighter. I think that you can outbox him in ten heats. But there also is the chance of getting beaten.'

"I pleaded with Pollok not to make the match. But you remember Harry. He was a hungry manager.

"Pollok and Billy Roach begged me to train Welsh for this fight, but I insisted that I did not want to have anything to do with it.

"On the afternoon of May 28, 1917, Welsh and I had a talk about how to handle Leonard. Freddy again urged me to be in his corner, and I was more determined than ever not to become involved in a championship funeral."

Rose then flashed back to Welsh's first two meetings with Leonard in 1916.

"Freddy first took on Leonard in the old Garden on March 31," Rose continued. *"Freddy was in no condition to fight the 20 year old puncher, who may have been the greatest lightweight of all time. There was no question as to the winner. Benny took the champion handily. But it was a no decision, no title fight."*

"Then they were matched for July 28, in Brooklyn," Rose said. *"I warned Welsh that to go into the ring again with Benny, in poor shape, would invite disaster.*

"I said, 'Freddy, you have got to take this one seriously. You have got to put in a few weeks of hard work. I am going to ask Bill Brown to let you train at his health farm at Garrison, N. Y.'

"When I put the proposition to Brown, who ran a fight club on West 23rd Street as well as his health farm, Bill refused.

"He said that some of his wealthy patrons would not want to have a professional fighter around the place. Of course, Bill was wrong. I kept working on him, and finally Brown gave in.

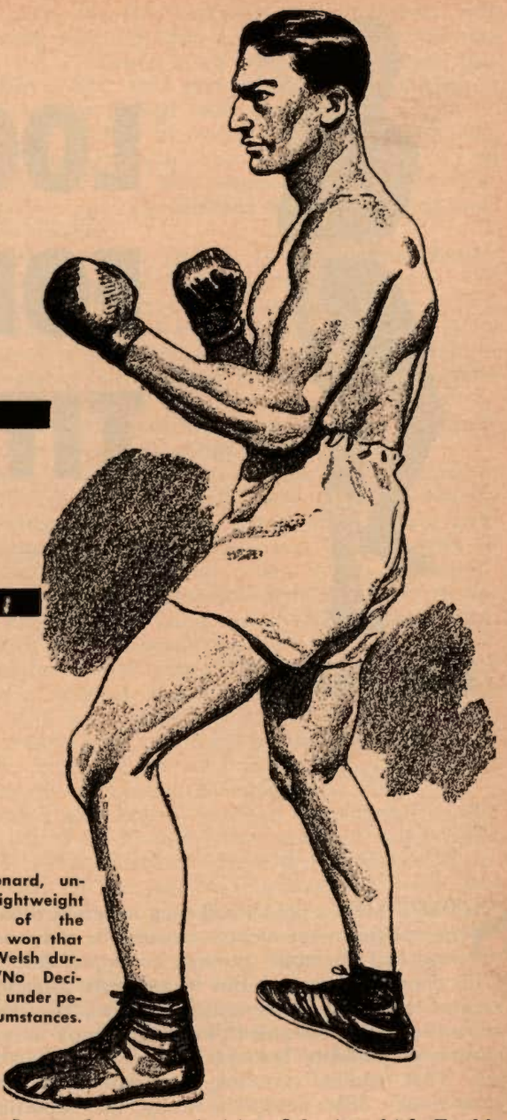
"Welsh trained faithfully and went into the ring at Washington Park, just given up by the defunct Federal League, in fine shape.

"I felt that Welsh beat Leonard that time. But the newspapers gave it to Benny.

"It was a close fight. I said to myself, 'Welsh never again will be in such fine shape. If, in that condition, he failed to win decisively, what will he be likely to do if they meet a third time? Leonard could stop him. I don't want to see a third fight and if they do meet, I won't be in Freddy's corner again.'

"That is the complete story insofar as I am concerned. As for that third fight, you know that Welsh was not counted out by referee Kid McPartland. The Kid stopped the fight to save Welsh from being hurt seriously. That McPartland did the right thing cannot be disputed.

"Welsh and Pollok kept insisting that the title had not passed to Leonard in a no decision fight in which Freddy had not been counted out. However, they got no support in the newspapers," Charley went on.



Benny Leonard, undefeated lightweight champion of the world who won that title from Welsh during the "No Decision" days, under peculiar circumstances.

"As for the weights, at 9:45 P.M. on the night of the fight, they were right—Leonard, 133 pounds; Welsh, 134½. Leonard could win the title if he scored a knockout, and win it he did, no matter whether he had had an agreement or not. The bona fides of the right itself cannot be questioned."

The blow by blow account of the ninth round starts with a hard left to the jaw by Leonard as this heat got under way. Leonard kept crowding Welsh into a corner, and then hooked one to the jaw. A terrific right sent Welsh to his glove tips.

As Welsh arose, Benny planted another right to the jaw and completed his deadly combination with a left. Down went the champion.

As Welsh tottered to his feet, Leonard showered him with rights and lefts. Then came a hard right to the jaw, and Freddy sank to the lowest rope.

While Leonard stood waiting with another fusillade, McPartland shoved Benny away and propped Welsh up in his corner. The Kid motioned to Welsh's handlers to come in and get their man. Freddy Welsh had been knocked out, and Benny Leonard was the new champion.

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Billy Hunter

LOOKING FOR A TITLE BOUT

By FRED EISENSTADT

SOMETIMES a fighter will plug hopefully along, meeting mediocre opponents—making no impressive showings and therefore gaining no appreciable headway in his chosen profession. But by earnestly applying all his energies to his trade, abrogating setbacks, the boxer does not entirely go unrewarded. For not only is he gaining a measure of publicity but also priceless ring experience as well. That required seasoning, so essential when the BIG break comes. The need-to-be ready, the opportunity the "hungry" boxer greedily pounces upon.

The above paragraph adequately describes the fistic career of Billy Hunter and the ring vicissitudes he underwent until he finally made the top ten. First, however, he had to hit his rated ring rivals–hit them hard, batter them into complete and indisputable defeat. By so doing he placed himself in the world ratings of RING Magazine. Hunter accomplished this measure of success gradually and with determined effort in 1959 by dint of eliminating top rung ring talent.

In January Billy disposed of the ambitious Nat Dixon in 3 rounds.

Hunter's victim the following month was big veteran Bob Baker, over whom Billy gained a ten-round verdict.

April 13 was a hard luck day for the speedy Hunter, he dropped a 10-round duke to the up-coming Alonzo Johnson.

In his fourth melee Billy boxed an 8-round draw at Madison Square Garden with dynamic newcomer, Don Warner.

The fifth scrap proved to establish Billy Hunter as definitely belonging among the elite in his division; he outboxed and outpunched rugged, hard-belting Argentinian Alex Miteff, halting him in seven heats.

"Miteff, as you know," projects the volatile George Gainford, *"had been a highly rated heavyweight for quite a time. But Billy took practically every round of the fight until the referee decided Alex could take no more of Hunter's punishment and stopped it in the seventh."*

A month later, the resurgent Detroit destroyer took on Tony Anthony, who had successfully invaded the heavyweight ranks after having beaten most of the leading 175-pounders. Billy banged and battered the classy Harlemite all over the ring, giving Tony no respite. Hunter meted out a horrible shellacking. He repeatedly hurt Anthony, draped him over the ropes and rocked him with jolting blows to the head—until referee Arthur Mercante halted the slaughter in the seventh round.

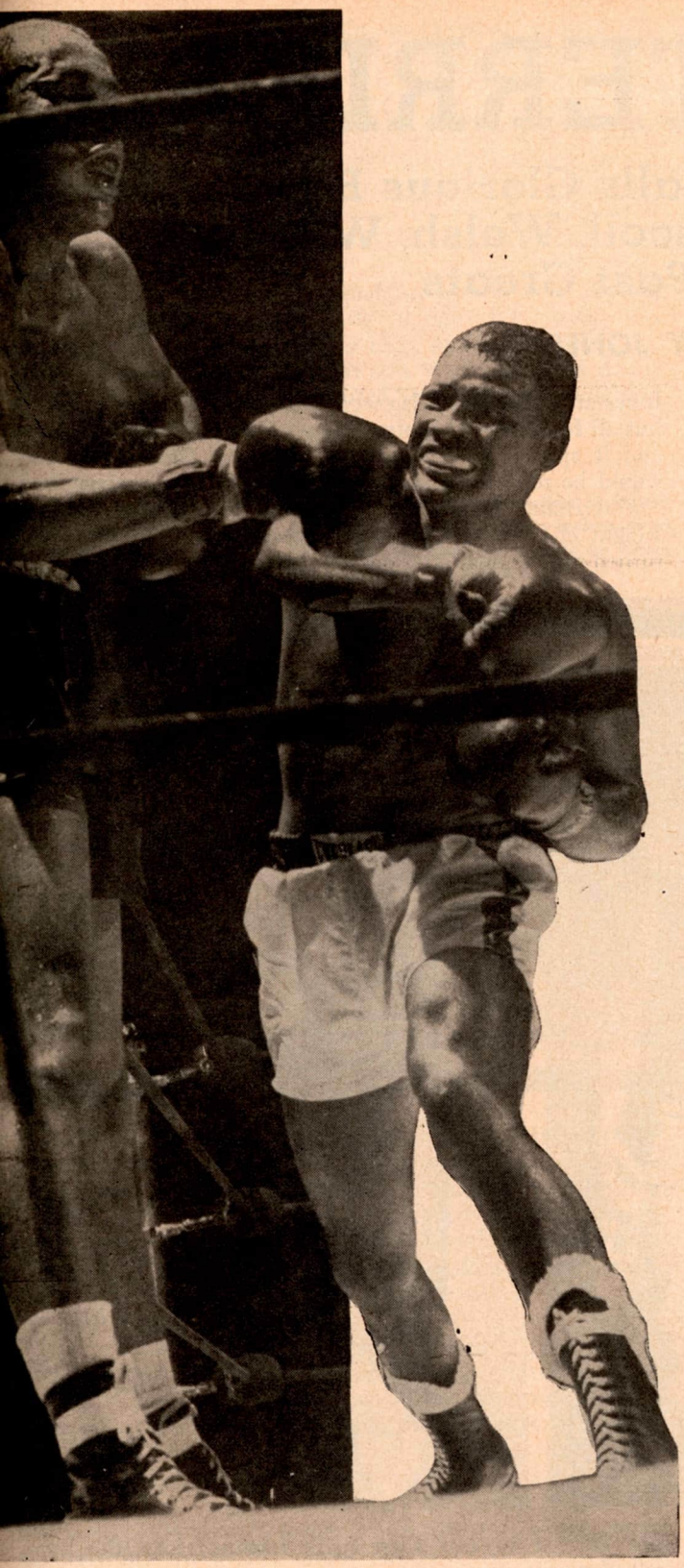
In his Madison Square Garden dressing-room, after the skirmish, Billy quietly admitted that on several occasions he actually let up on his dazed and almost helpless victim. Why? *"Because,"* explained Hunter in gentle tones, *"Tony displayed so much courage that I felt disinclined to hit him when he stubbornly refused to go down after absorbing far too much punishment."*

This sensational victory earned Billy the distinction of becoming a challenger for heavyweight champ Ingemar Johansson's title.

To further entrench his claim Hunter won a ten-round split decision over Alex Miteff in a return contest.

The beginning of Billy Hunter's professional career, which started in April, 1954, was by no means an auspicious one. First bout: he managed to slap out a 5-round draw with a guy named Tony Lomonaco. In a 4-round return scramble Lomonaco was the victor. Billy followed this with a 5-round loss to Fonda Cox. It looked like a dead-end street he was on.

The following year Hunter lost two decisions, scored 3 knockouts and won a six-round bout, demonstrating an aptitude toward improvement. And with his improvement came a vacuum. He was inactive in 1956.



Billy Hunter of Detroit unleashed two-fisted fury as he battered Tony Anthony of New York into submission for a seven round TKO. Subsequently Hunter won a split ten round decision over Alex Miteff to further boom his stock as a heavyweight contender. He had previously stopped Miteff in seven rounds

"The reason for this," explains the intelligent, well-spoken young man, *"is that I was getting the old run-around. True, I received a few offers. I was offered peanuts to fight killers. So I gave myself a leave of absence until the situation showed more generosity."*

But after 15 months of inactivity, the call of the ring proved to be too strong for the "hungry" fighter. So, in the first month of 1957, Billy punched out a 6-round duke, then stiffened a guy. He followed this up with two more victories by decision.

Six months later—in January 1958—pugilistic disaster struck the swift-moving, fast-punching Billy Hunter: the brawny, brawling Sonny Liston disposed of him in two rounds. *"But that failed to discourage Billy,"* says Manager Gainford with almost fanatical fervor. *"Six months later he bounced back in great style—winning a decision and scoring a kayo."*

Then followed Hunter's impressive truimph over Miteff. And then his sensational victory over Anthony!

Christened William Herman Hunter, he was born on July 16, 1934, in Ypsilanti, Mich., and is one of six brothers and two sisters. Billy was an average boy: neither good nor bad, engaging in street fights and having tussles in school. *"In high school, from which I was graduated,"* supplied Billy, *"I played baseball and basketball. As for boxing, I learned the art all by myself—that is, by fighting. No one man has ever taught me."*

Billy Hunter, who'd been a choir-boy in the church of Reverend C. Chatman, who is co-managing the boxer with Gainford, had no amateur experience but acquired additional invaluable fistic knowledge by competing in boxing duels while doing a 2½-year hitch in the U. S. Navy, where he captured the 175-pound championship.

"That was a good omen," vouched the eloquent George Gainford. *"As I see it—and I have excellent vision—Billy Hunter has a fine chance of becoming heavyweight champion. He has all the required qualifications: youth and boxing skill, speed and a good defense, a solid right-hand wallop and a left jab that is equal to—if not better—than that of his stablemate: the great Sugar Ray Robinson."* This, you understand, is his manager speaking.

It is not unlikely that Hunter may reach the top of his profession; for with the added confidence he recently gained, what had until now appeared to be artificial ring skill, is becoming increasingly real.

"Hunter is no ordinary mitt-tosser," extols the boxer's ebullient press representative, Pete Vaccarella. *"Aside from being a highly talented fighter, Billy is a high class and intelligent young man. Former heavyweight champ Gene Tunney is known to have gained prominence as an intellectual by reading Shakespeare. Well, Hunter not only reads the Bard of Avon but peruses the work of most of the great masters as well. More: he's a lover of symphonic music, also light classics and modern jazz. Still more: Billy is an art enthusiast and is himself better than fair at sketching—which is his number one pastime."*

The erudite mug-musser, who lives with his wife in Detroit, lists as his favorite fighters: Joe Louis, Henry Armstrong and, of course, the chap whose ring-style he tries to follow: Sugar Ray Robinson.

An unusually devoted son, Billy explains that his parents had no objection to his undertaking boxing as a profession. *"But they're a little worried about me when I'm fighting in the ring,"* adds Hunter with a flashing smile that shows his strong, white, even teeth.

Inclined to be serious-minded, the mannerly young boxer has a calm disposition, has never smoked or drank anything stronger than soda pop. He owns a car, doesn't care for perfume, hopes to raise a family, never had a serious illness, is fond of sleeping late and has a good memory. He dabbles in amateur photography, pays heed to intelligent advice, pre-

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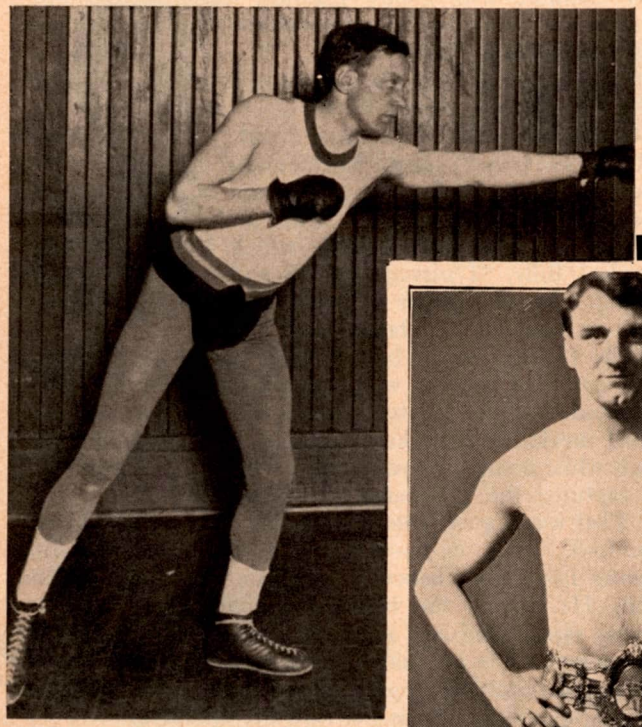
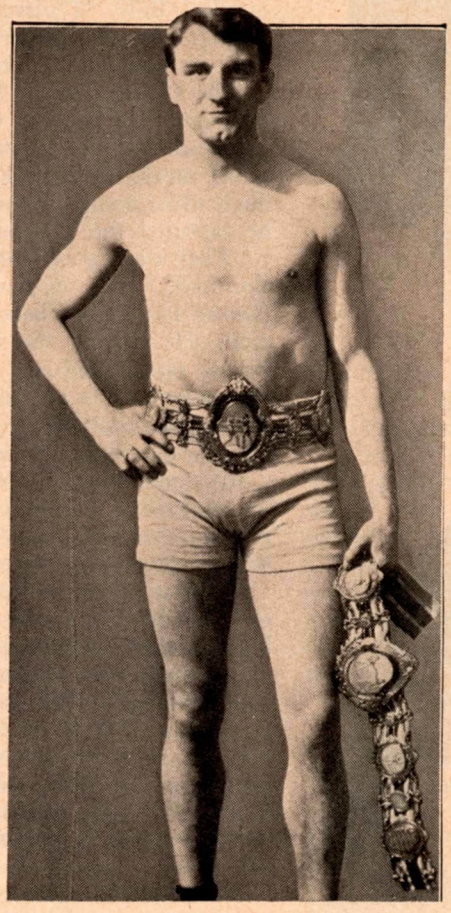
WELSH TERRIERS

Fine Crop of Youngsters Recalls Glorious Boxing History of Wales, with Driscoll, Welsh, Wilde and Other Past Greats

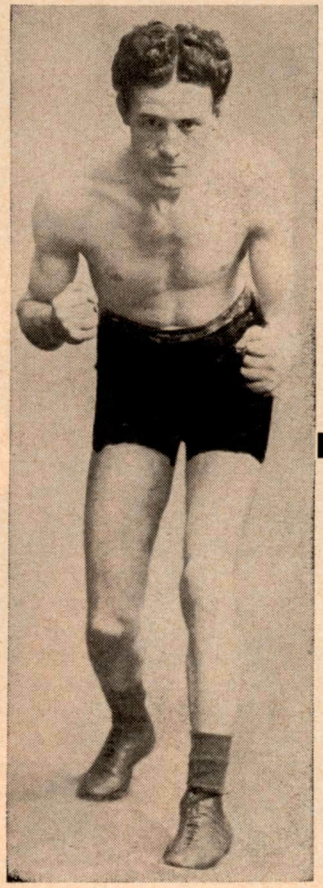
By JERSEY JONES



Jimmy Wilde, the Mighty Atom, was the last Welsh boxer to hold a world title. As king of the flyweights, Wilde frequently whipped bantams and feathers.



Fred Hall Thomas who, as Freddie Welsh, became lightweight champion. Freddie was regarded as one of the finest defensive boxers the ring has ever produced.



Jim Driscoll, who should have been featherweight king, but didn't force a demand for a title match after he outpointed Champion Abe Attell in a non-title affair.

THE tiny, picturesque principality of Wales is once again threatening to become a prominent factor in British and possibly major international boxing competition.

As this is being written, a quartet of exceptional Welsh youngsters—featherweight Phil Jones and bantamweight Johnny Thomas of Cardiff, welterweight Brian Curvis of Swansea and bantamweight Howard Winstone of Merthyr Tydfil—are beginning to stir up considerable enthusiasm not only among their native cohorts but throughout the British Isles.

To the end of 1959, these four lads had accounted for a remarkable accumulation of 47 consecutive wins, with 21 of their triumphs, nearly half the total, ending in knockouts.

None of these youngsters had yet attained headline status, Jones and Winstone also were notable medal-chasers before but all four were whipping progressively stronger opposition and it appeared to be only a matter of time before they would be ready to make serious bids for major recognition.

Curvis and Thomas are brothers of former British welterweight champions Cliff Curvis and Eddie Thomas. Both turned professional after outstanding careers in the amateurs.

they elected to cast their fistic fortunes into the more rugged paying arena.

With British boxing fortunes at probably the lowest ebb they have known in the last half-century, any lad displaying rare promise these days is bound to attract something more than casual attention—especially if he happens to be Welsh.

There is no more fertile boxing field anywhere in the world than Wales, where fighting vies with singing as the leading native pastime. In area, the mountainous little land abutting England on the west isn't as large as Massachusetts and its population is less than one-third of New York City's, yet through the years it has turned out some of the finest mechanics the ring has ever produced.

Two of them, lightweight Freddie Welsh and flyweight Jimmy Wilde, became world champions. Both, incidentally,

were natives of the little mining town of Pontypridd.

Another who should have been champion, but didn't force his claim to a title bout, was featherweight Jim Driscoll of the bustling seaport, Cardiff.

At various times Americans have had peeks at quite a few other distinguished Welsh visitors. Of comparatively recent vintage was heavyweight Tommy Farr of Tonypandy, who created something of a sensation in 1937 by going the full 15-round route with Joe Louis in New York in Shufflin' Joe's first outing as world champion.

A Welshman with all the qualifications of a champion, but never given the opportunity to fight for a title, was globe-trotting welterweight Fred Dyer of Cardiff.

Dyer flourished around the World War I era, and it was in 1916 that he came to the United States after campaigning in Australia.

weight Frank Moody of Pontypridd.

Edwards' sojourn was brief and disappointing. Llew, who had acquired the British featherweight title in 1915, grew into a lightweight during an extended invasion of Australia. He compiled an impressive record during his stay Down Under, and among his victims were two American importations, Eddie Wallace and Harlem Eddie Kelly. The glowing reports emanating from the island continent prompted Tom Andrews, veteran Milwaukee promoter, to arrange an American campaign for Edwards in 1920.

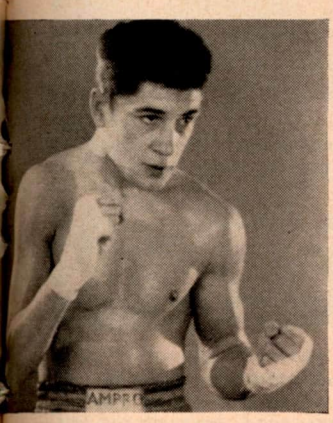
Andrews, however, was a bit too enthusiastic about the Welshman's talents. He promptly matched him with Richie Mitchell. Next to Benny Leonard and Lew Tendler, Mitchell was the best lightweight in the world and it was a rough assignment for the visitor in his first appearance in the United States.

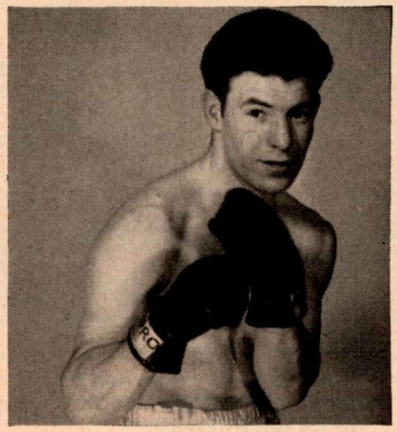
Phil Jones, unbeaten in his first 19 pro bouts, is regarded as one of Britain's most promising feathers.

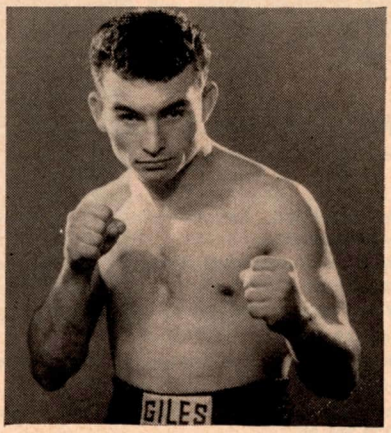
Southpaw Brien Curvis, brother of former British, Empire and European welterweight champion, Cliff Curvis, is picking up where his illustrious relative left off.

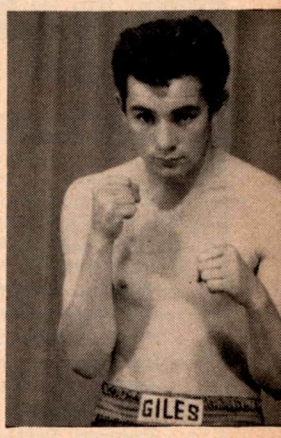
Johnny Thomas, bantamweight brother of another ex-British, Empire and European title-holder, Eddie Thomas, is displaying much of the cleverness of his talented kin.

Speedy Howard Winstone, currently a bantam, is rapidly growing into an outstanding featherweight.









Fred was a remarkable boxer, but his talents were not limited to the prize ring. He also was endowed with a fine singing voice, a pleasant personality and a flair for "show business." At the close of a bout, it was the usual thing for Dyer to have his seconds remove his gloves in the ring, hand him his ukulele, and he'd treat the clients to the added entertainment of a musical offering, the uke accompanying his vocal rendition.

Dyer's main handicap in his quest for fistic glory and its attendant financial returns was a lack of aggressive management. What Fred needed was a Jack Kearns, a Jimmy Johnston or a Dan Morgan, but, unfortunately, he didn't have one.

The Welshman actually was too good for his own good. He was such a brilliant boxer that the leading American welterweights studiously avoided him, and Fred's ring activities were limited to the minor circuits. At times, to get fights, he had to step out of his class and meet middleweights and even light-heavies. The best Yank opponents he hooked up with were Bryan Downey, Joe Chip, Frankie Notter, Panama Joe Gans and Bob McAllister.

When the United States became embroiled in World War I, Dyer volunteered his services and was assigned to Camp Grant, Ill., as boxing instructor. With the signing of the Armistice, Fred drifted away from the ring and toted his voice, ukulele and personality into vaudeville. After an encouraging tour of the States, he returned to Britain and a successful stage career.

During the '20s two prominent Welshmen to vist the United States were lightweight Llew Edwards and middle-

As it happened, Mitchell stopped Edwards in seven rounds. Llew remained for a few more bouts, but never did succeed in recovering from the discouragement of the Mitchell episode, and when the Canadian Indian, Clonie Tait, flattened him in Minneapolis later that year, Edwards returned to Britain.

Moody was a popular performer for several years in American rings. Frank hooked up with practically all the top middleweights and several prominent light-heavies as well. A lusty puncher, Moody knocked out the likes of Lou Bogash, Tony Marullo, Jackie Clark, Pat McCarthy and Kid Norfolk, and was clever enough to take decisions from Jock Malone and Lou Scozza, but his own chin wasn't too rugged and he was stopped several times himself, by Harry Greb, Jack Delaney, George Courtney and Martin Burke.

Although he never boxed in the United States, veteran American fans will recall the excitement in Britain during the early '30s over a Welsh heavyweight, Jack Petersen.

There seemed to be ample justification for the Britishers' enthusiasm. After a brilliant amateur career, Petersen had swept through professional opposition in spectacular style, blasting his way to 24 straight wins before meeting his first setback. That setback, a decision to clever, ringwise Len Harvey, was erased in a return match when Petersen knocked Harvey out.

In four years of professional operations, Petersen's record showed 31 victories in 32 outings, and 19 of those triumphs had been by knockouts.

Jack not only had beaten such British and Empire opposi-

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GATES FOR '59

LARGEST GATE FOR 1959

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LARGEST PURSE FOR 1959

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GATES OF MORE THAN $100,000.00 IN 1959

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4—Floyd Patterson vs Brian London—May 1—Fairgrounds Coliseum, Indianapolis, Ind.—$122,800.00.
5—Gene Fullmer vs Carmen Basilio—August 28—Cow Palace, San Francisco, Calif.—$122,380.00.
6—Pascual Perez vs Sadao Yaoita—November 5—Osaka Pool Stadium, Osaka, Japan—$115,000.00.
7—Henry Cooper vs Joe Erskine—November 17—Wembley Stadium, London, England—$100,000.00.

LARGEST ATTENDANCES FOR 1959

1—Samart Sorndaeng vs Del Flanagan, Bangkok, Thailand—November 3—30,000.
2.—Pascual Perez vs Sadao Yaoita, Osaka, Japan—November 5—22,400.
3—Rocky Kalingo vs Florentino Fernandez, Caracas, Venezuela—November 23—22,000.
4—Federico Thompson vs Don Jordan, Buenos Aires, Argentina—December 12—20,000
5—Dogomar Martinez vs Luis Ignacio, Sao Paulo, Brazil—January 16—20,000.
6—Henry Cooper vs Brian London, London, England—January 12—18,000.
7—Ingamar Johansson vs Floyd Patterson, New York, N. Y.—June 26—18,215.
8—Henry Cooper vs Joe Erskine, London, England—November 7—18,000.
9—Raul Macias vs Ernesto Parra, Mexico City, Mexico—February 28—16,000.
10—Freddie Gilroy vs Peter Keenan, Belfast, Ireland—January 10—16,000.
11—Joe Becerra vs Alphonse Halimi, Los Angeles, Calif.—July 8—15,151.
12—Florentino Fernandez vs Paddy DeMarco, Havana, Cuba—May 9—15,000.

By LEW ESKIN

NEW CHAMPIONS CROWNED IN 1959

Davey Moore won the featherweight title by stopping Hogan (Kid) Bassey in 13 rounds on March 18 in Los Angeles, Calif.

Ingemar Johansson won the heavyweight title stopping Floyd Patterson in three rounds on June 26 in New York City.

Joe Becerra won the bantamweight title kayoing Alphonse Halimi in eight rounds on July 8 in Los Angeles, Calif.

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CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHTS IN 1959

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May 1—Fairgrounds Coliseum, Indianapolis, Ind., Floyd Patterson retained his heavyweight title by kayoing Brian London in 0.51 of the eleventh round.

June 3—Uline Arena, Washington, D. C., Joe Brown retained his lightweight title by stopping Paolo Rosi at the start of the ninth round.

June 26—Yankee Stadium, New York City, N. Y., Ingemar Johansson won the world heavyweight title by stopping Floyd Patterson in 2.03 of the third round.

July 8—Sports Arena, Los Angeles, Calif., Joe Becerra won the world bantamweight title by kayoing Alphonse Halimi in 2.02 of the eighth round.

July 10—Portland Meadows Race Track, Portland, Oregon, Don Jordan retained his welterweight title by outpointing Denny Moyer in 15 rds. (Unanimous Decision).

August 10—Metropolitan Gym, Tokyo, Japan, Pascual Perez retained his flyweight title by outpointing Kenji Yonekura in 15 rds. (Unanimous Decision).

August 12—Forum, Montreal, P. Q., Canada, Archie Moore retained his light heavyweight title by kayoing Yvon Durelle in 2.52 of the third round.

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August 28—Gene Fullmer won the N.B.A. Middleweight championship by stopping Carmen Basilio in 0.39 of the 14th round.

November 5—Osaka Pool Stadium, Osaka, Japan, Pascual Perez retained his flyweight title by kayoing Sadao Yaoita in 0.55 of the 13th round.

December 2—Houston Coliseum, Houston, Texas, Joe Brown retained his lightweight title by stopping Dave Charnley at the start of the sixth round.

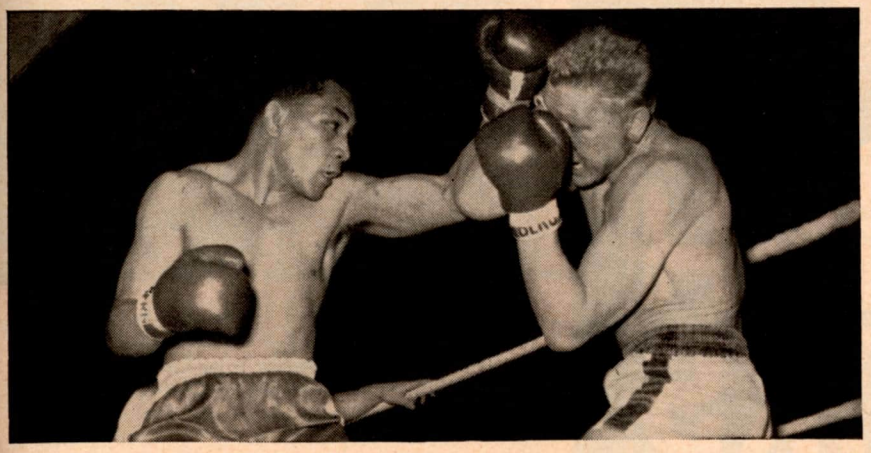
December 4—Utah State University Field House, Logan, Utah, Gene Fullmer retained his N.B.A. middleweight title by outpointing Ellsworth (Spider) Webb in 15 rds. (Unanimous Decision).

DOUBLE KNOCKOUT

September 28—At Philadelphia, Pa. The commission physician stopped the bout between Eddie Woods and Al Milone at the end of the sixth round as both boys were badly cut around the eyes, and the commission officials ruled the bout a double knockout.

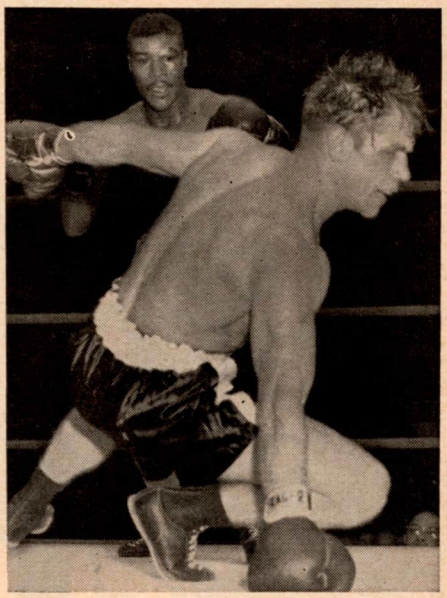
THE MONTH IN ACTION

ONE, TWO, THREE, TONGA!



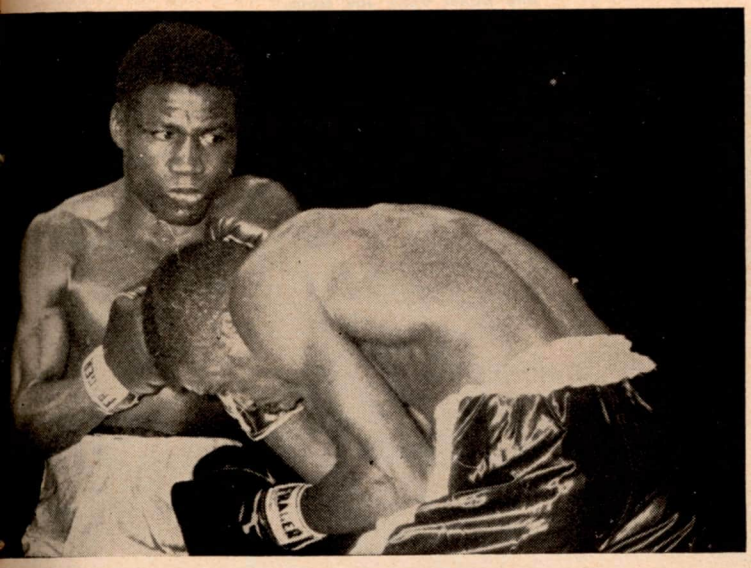
Light heavyweight contender Johnny Halafihi of Tonga batters away at Rolf Peters of Dortmund during the sixth round of their bout in Berlin. Outgunned from the start, Peters did not answer the bell for the seventh round. Johnny thus reversed his previous Germany showing when he was outpointed by European Middleweight Champion Gustav Scholz. He is anxious to return for a third fight, this time with the European 175 pound champion Erich Schoppner and his fine showing in halting Peters may have earned him that contest.

DOWN BUT NOT OUT!



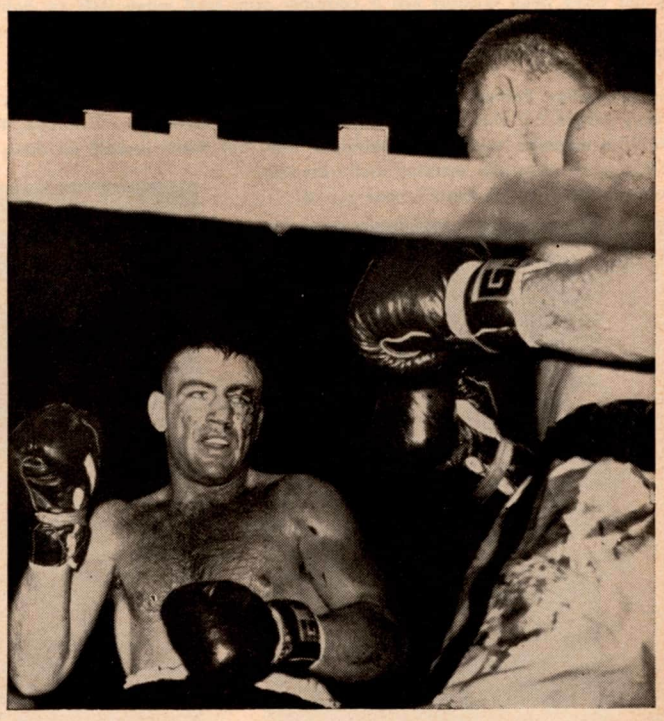
Stefan Redl hits the canvas in the sixth round of his welterweight fight in Chicago against Carl Hubbard of Philadelphia. Redl was not allowed to come out for the seventh round by the referee after the doctor ruled he was too dazed to continue. This set for a loud protest from Redl's manager Lou Duva who claimed that Stefan was okay but still not too sure of his English and had misunderstood the doctor's questions and had not been dazed as the doctor ruled.

TIGER RAG!



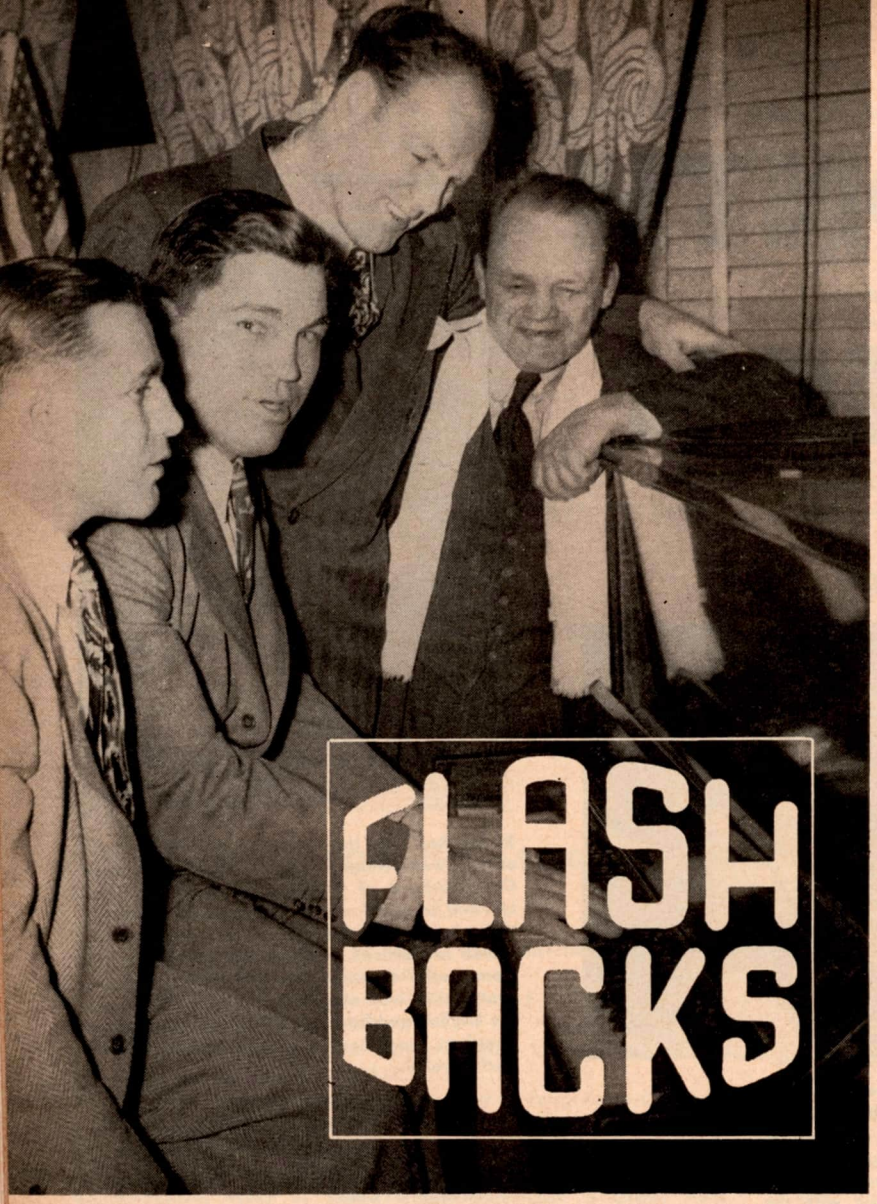
British Empire middleweight champion Dick Tiger forces veteran Washington middleweight Holly Mims to cover up during their ten rounds in Chicago that saw Tiger gain a split decision after ten tough rounds.

IRISH STEW!



Blood covers the left side of George Logan's face in the closing moments of the fourth round of his heavyweight fight in Madison Square Garden with Tom McNeeley. The fight was halted due to this cut after the fourth round cutting short what shaped up as a brawl between these two youngsters.

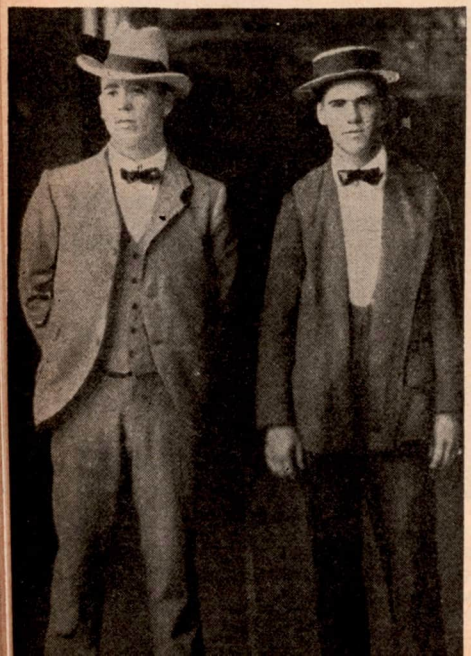
FLASH BACKS



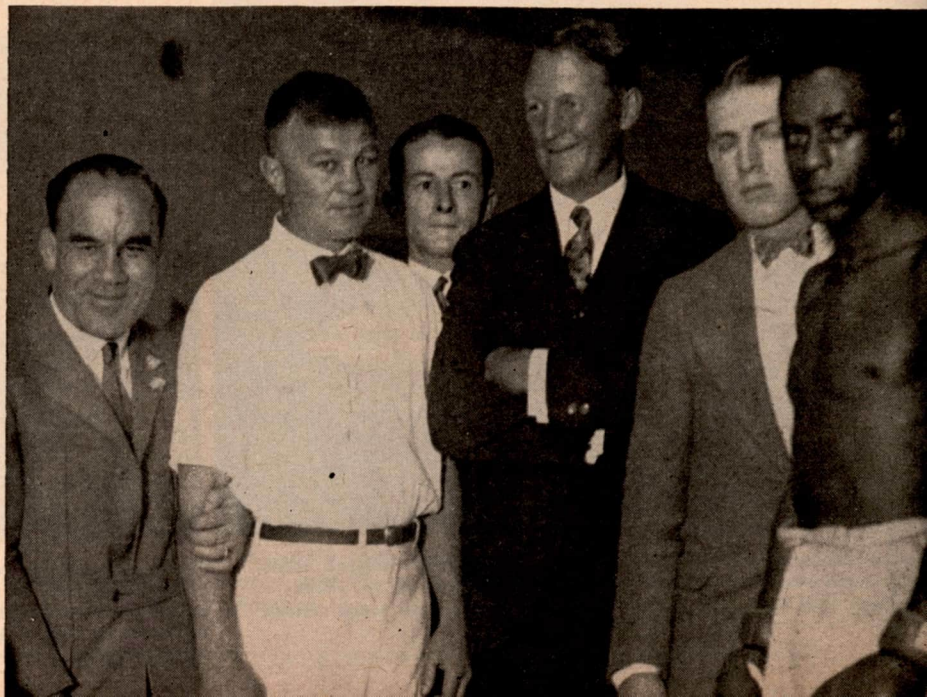
It may not have been musical but it certainly was loud when (left to right), Harry Jeffra, Jack Van Noy, Red Burman and Kid Williams got together for a bit of barbershop quartetting at sports dinner in Baltimore in 1942.

The Bounding Basque, Paulino Uzcudun, arrives in New York aboard the French liner *Isle de France* in 1927 to launch campaign for a crack at world heavyweight title, held by Gene Tunney.

Englishman Redlar Palmer and American Terry McGovern looked friendly enough when they posed for this photograph before their meeting in Tuckahoe, N. Y., in 1899 for the disputed world bantamweight title, but there wasn't anything friendly about McGovern once the opening bell clanged. Terrible Terry finished his rival in one round.



Stanley Ketchel's keenest rival, Billy Papke, made his debut as referee at the Pasadena, Cal., Armory in 1926. This camera shot shows (left to right) ex-fighter Abe the Newsboy, Papke, sports writer Bob Edgren, Promoter Morrie Cohen and boxer Baby Joe Gans.



By **JOHNNY SALAK**

WATCH THESE FOUR!

THE boys and men who make up the pugilistic field come from every walk of life, from every race and creed. That is as true today in the U. S. A. as it was fifty years ago at the height of immigration.

Four young fighters typify this mixture. They are middleweights: "Billy the Kid" Pickett, and Rocky Fumerelle, of Italian lineage, lightweights; Marcel Bizien, a French-American, and Ronnie Cohen, of Jewish antecedents.

Cohen from New Rochelle, N. Y. is twenty-three years old, one of eight children, having five brothers and two sisters. Called a new "Bummy" Davis, Ronnie had no thought of becoming a fighter while a teenager in Isaac Young High School, where he was on the baseball and swimming teams. *"Although I got into plenty of fights"*, joked Ronnie.

It was while serving in Korea with the 21st. Airborne Infantry that he first took up the gloved sport. During his three years of service he captured the Korean Forces lightweight title in 1957 and was presented with a trophy as the outstanding amateur in the tournament.

Returning from service Cohen entered the Golden Gloves and reached the semi-finals both in 1957 and 1958. A strong, willing mixer who just "loves to fight" Ronnie turned pro at the end of 1958 when, as a substitute, he traveled all the way to Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, where he was stopped in the fourth round by experienced Vernon Lynch.

"I was so tired I didn't even want to sit down," Cohen explains.

Although far from a diligent trainer he has managed to stay in better shape since then while rolling up a total of sixteen fights, winning eleven, drawing two and losing three. He won just one of his first four, but has lost only one of his last dozen, scoring seven kayos in his most recent seven fights.

A southpaw with a real sock Cohen makes a hit wherever he fights. In his short career, that has included Union City, N. J., Montreal , Canada, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Syracuse, N. Y., New York, and Sherbrooke.

Sage manager Frank Bachman took an old pal to watch his latest protege. The friend was impressed with the new Jewish find until Cohen, waiting in the corner for the fight to begin, made the sign of the cross.

"What kind of Jew is that?" he asked Bachman.

Frank told him that while in the Army Ronnie had palled with some Catholic boys who told him it would bring him good luck and protect him in his first fight. Ronnie won, and feels that it is his luck charm.

"Billy the Kid" Pickett, William by name, is the twenty year old son of a Minister who had a remarkable amateur career before turning pro about a year ago. Pickett won 65 of 70 amateur bouts, losing twice on disputed decisions to Jose Torres.

A New Yorker born and raised, Billy spent two years with the 77th Airborne Infantry, serving at Camp Campbell, Ky. He began his boxing as a youngster in the Police Athletic League and in 1956-1958 won the P.A.L. welter and middleweights championships. In 1958, before turning pro, he captured the Metropolitan AAU 156 pound championship and the National AAU crown in the same class.

In 1957 Pickett was awarded the Gene Tunney Trophy for outstanding amateur of the year, and also the Floyd Patterson Trophy for achievement.

A skilled boxer and potent puncher, he has won all of his thirteen fights, scoring nine kayos, Pickett has done most of his recent fighting in Montreal, where he became a favorite following his kayo of Marcel Piau, the Art Aragon of the French-Canadians.

Billy lists some good boys among his victims, Art Glass, Dalfus Brown, Rudy Corney, Bobby Barnes, Eddie Thompson and Ralph Stokes.

Bizien, born twenty-one years ago in New York, lives across the Hudson River in Jersey City. Oldest of two children, he has a fifteen year old sister Nicole. Marcel's dad Yvon is a waiter at the University Club in New York. A good looking brown haired, brown eyed five foot eight inch, 140 pounder he recently moved into the main bout

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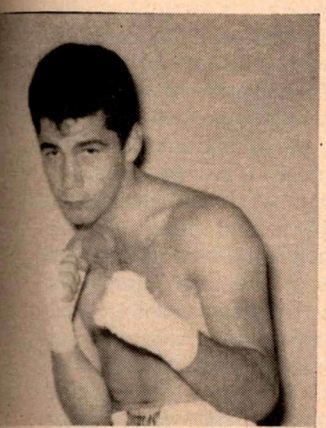
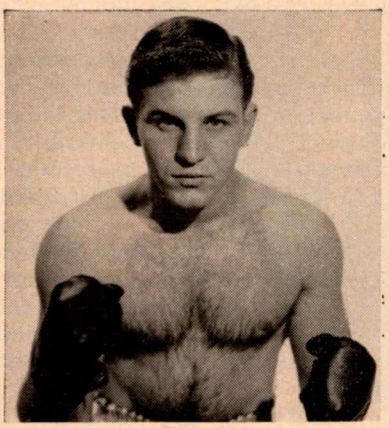
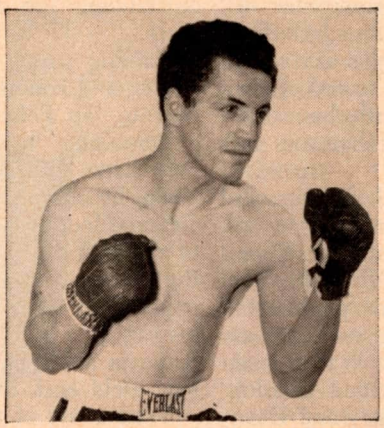


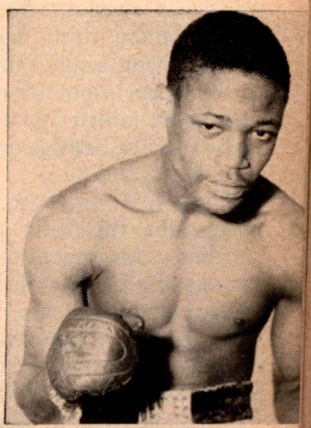
Lightweight Marcel Bizien of Jersey City, a local attraction.



Rocky Fumerelle, hard hitting Buffalo, N. Y. 160 pounder.



Rough and Ready Ronnie Cohen, a welterweight with a bang.



Billy Pickett, undefeated middl weight puncher from New Yor

By TED CARROLL

OUT OF THE PAST . . .

JACK FUGAZY

As the Atomic Age orbits into another decade, echoes of the Roaring Twenties still persist in this electronic era. Old time movies exhibited on TV shows, the Charleston Dancers "capering and quivering in the shortened, shapeless, costumes, and bell-bottomed pants and tight jackets of the time. Baseball's Babe Ruth trips daintily around the bases as "Golden Decade" crowds hail his home run exploits. "Long Count" Dave Barry lives again as the floored Tunney gains a welcome respite while Referee Barry herds Dempsey to a neutral corner before tolling off the numbers in the still controversial seventh round of the famous match in Chicago in 1927.

It was the time of Charles "Lucky" Lindbergh, Brown-Derbied, Al Smith, "Flying Finn" Paavo Nurmi, "It girl" Clara Bow, the Teapot Dome scandals, Al Capone, Owney Madden, night club queen Texas Guinan, Al Jolson, gambler "Titanic" Thompson, "Galloping Ghost" Red Grange, "Paul the Paralyzer" Berlenbach and another, whose name like a half-forgotten tune has once more become familiar —Humbert J. Fugazy.

They were exciting times. Most of those that made them so have long been reduced to flickering images on well-worn films, the ones still living—mere shadows of what they were—anomalies in the Age of the Atom. Therefore, one cannot help but be somewhat awed at the emergence of one of these misty figures, Jack Fugazy, a living symbol of that era come to life as the promoter of record of the new group which apparently has come up with the Patterson-Johansson return bout.

Thirty-five years ago, Jack Fugazy's entry into the fistic picture was as startling as his present resurgence. Coming out of a Greenwich Village (N. Y.), Italian banking house, his production of a fight card featuring such heroes of those days as Mickey Walker and Harry Greb, Harry Wills and Charley Weinert and Jimmy Slattery and Dave Shade, all on one card, staged for the Italian Hospital Fund, developed into one of the most glaringly successful promotions of the period. It drew more than $300,000 and returned some $100,000 to the charity.

With this as a springboard, the enterprising newcomer threw down the gauntlet to Tex Rickard and his mighty Madison Square Garden Club. Then he shook the boxing world with a follow-up triumph the following year bringing together Jack Delaney and Paul Berlenbach in a light heavyweight championship bout that attracted a record setting $461,789 at Brooklyn's old Ebbets Field on July 16, 1926.

An opportunist, the high rolling promoter then capitalized on the impasse between Rickard and the James A. Farley headed New York boxing commission, due to the Dempsey-Wills-Tunney stalemate, by signing up Wills, who had been side-tracked in Tunney's favor by the Garden, and promising young heavyweight Boston Jack Sharkey. This too was a rousing promotional success as a crowd of 40,000 saw the old Brown Panther, levelled by time to a toothless tabby cat, exposed by the swift-striking Sharkey as more myth than menace on October 12, 1926.

Fugazy promotions were marked by imagination, nerve and a lavish hand. Tieing up Ebbets Field he even took a flyer at Pro Football in the old Ballpark, but soon tagged this as a losing cause, although his daughter wed an outstanding pro footballer, Jack Flaherty.

Gaining strong support from press, public, and commission he crossed the river to the Polo Grounds to stage a welterweight title contest between Pete Latzo and Joe Dundee in 1927. Then he attempted to do with big George Godfrey what Mike Jacobs was to do with Joe Louis years later, but Big George did not stand up to the opportunity Fugazy gave him, lazing his way to a loss to undersized Johnny Risko in a Fugazy presentation in Ebbets Field back in 1928.

Well aware of the appeal of foreign fighters, Fugazy presented such invaders as Paulino Uzcudon, Andre Routis, Phil Scott, Vic Campolo, Fred Bretonnel and Roberto Roberti.

For a time Fugazy was riding so high publicity-wise, he might have supplanted Rickard as New York's premier promoter, but for the lack of an indoor arena, the big advantage the Garden enjoyed over all competition in those TV-less days.

In spite of this handicap, Fugazy, besides the matches previously mentioned, beat the Garden to the punch with such pair-ups as Tod Morgan vs. Steve "Kid" Sullivan for the then highly regarded junior lightweight title, Tommy Loughran vs. Young Stribling, Paolino vs. Wills, Stan Loayza vs. Bruce Flowers, Sid Terris vs. Phil M'Graw, Young Corbett vs. Sgt. Sammy Baker, Andre Routis vs. Al Singer, and Loughran vs. Pete Latzo.

All were first rate fighters of the time and Ebbets Field, scene of most of Fugazy's shows enjoyed a fistic spotlight it never was to regain.

Born in New York's Greenwich Village, Fugazy had a solid fighting background as a kid glove wearing barge fighter in the early years of this century. He is well recalled by Charley Rose, Doc Moore, and other boxing graybeards as a hard-hitting, formidable, fellow inside the ropes.

Under the nom-de-guerre of Jack Lee, Fugazy had too promising a career beckoning in the business world to follow through with his boxing, but did not relinquish his interest in the sport. He is best remembered for a connection with former lightweight king Freddy Welsh, prior to promoting. Along the way he also picked up potent political contacts which greatly aided his eventual activities as a promotor.

Suave and dapper, he still has an air of the executive about him. He has never lost touch with boxing and is a familiar figure at the fights usually in company with Abe Yager, his ever loyal press agent of the golden days who has never stopped singing his praises.

At the age of seventy-three, which he doesn't look by the way, Fugazy swung right into the transatlantic shuttle to Sweden, where in company with

Tommy Loughran, an old Fugazy ace back in the Twenties, he was present at the conference with Johansson which cleared the way for the pending match with Patterson in June.

his scene of operations has been Madison Ave., bailiwick of modern advertising, where the Travel Agency of that name, under the direction of nephew William Fugazy, has blossomed into one of the most prosperous in the field. Young Billy Fugazy has also been in the van in the present promotional campaign, cooperating closely with Cohn in all arrangements.

A sentimentalist at heart, it is not surprising to find Fugazy once again linked with names familiar to the era in which he first gained fame.

The veteran Jimmy Bronson, with more than a half-century of experience as boxer, manager, referee and promoter, has been engaged as matchmaker for the new combine.

There was nothing bush league about Fugazy promotions of the Twenties. The evidence of their quality is there in the record with impressive gate receipts, exciting fights, charity contributions and worthy competition to the powerful Garden and Rickard.

The world of promotion in which Jack Fugazy now finds himself is far different from that of the glittering

As front man for the aggressive outfit spearheaded by the dynamic young lawyer, Roy Cohn, and reinforced with bankroll men of spectacular solvency, Fugazy is in his element. In his heyday he lent a dignity as well as color to his promotions, a wizard at creating favorable public relations, and always a favorite of the press. Today he still retains the respect and liking of the dwindling number of active boxing people who were on the scene during his operations three decades ago.

In the old days, Fugazy had offices for a time in the then tallest building in the world, the Woolworth Building, from there he engaged quarters on Broadway. For the last decade or so,

"Golden Decade".

In those times Rickard, though a monopolist, was a benevolent one. Old Tex kept a death grip on the heavyweight title but was tolerant toward rivals who concentrated on the smaller classes. The Garden crowd of those days never clamped on a complete freezeout as was attempted by both Mike Jacobs and Jim Norris in later years.

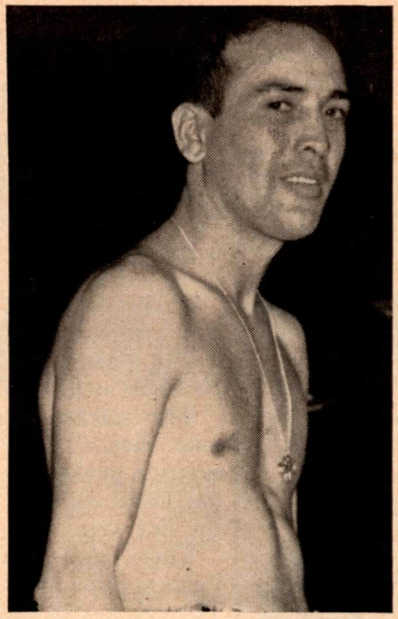
This gave Fugazy considerable leeway in accomplishing what he did as a promoter. The smaller classes in those times were beehive bonanzas with scores of lighter men making the turnstiles click merrily whenever they performed. This is no longer the case.

The New York City administration of sports loving Mayor James J. Walker, looked with a most approving eye on fistic merchants and its political assistance decreased the risk and solved many problems. This condition also no longer exists.

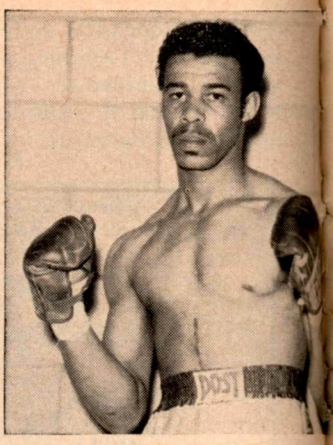
So Humbert J. Fugazy, an escapeé from the past, moves into the world of the present and its titanic creature—Television—which to those of his era was more visionary than interplanetary travel is to us today. In the age of the "Ancillary right" Jack Fugazy now seeks greater gold in the coaxial cable than ever was to be found in his own "Golden Decade".

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

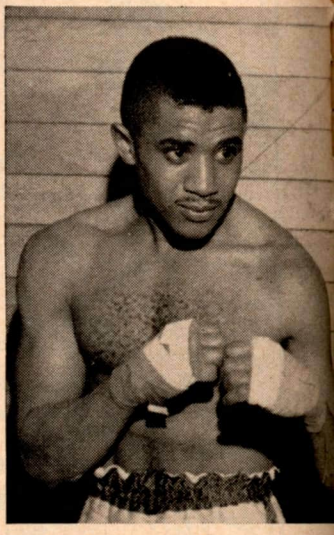
By DON WEINSTEIN



Claudio Trujillo, 1958 Fifth U. S. Army bantam champ, who will be a main attraction at Fort Carson boxing shows this coming year.



Willie D'Antignac learned his fighting in the armed forces and since turning pro in April of the past year has won four out of five contests.



Fort Carson has another top attraction for the coming season in lightweight Obie Vann, who was a runnerup in the 1958 Fifth Army championship tourney.

BOXING AT FORT JACKSON

FORT JACKSON, S. C. Some of the scrappiest three-rounders at this southern infantry training center keeping interest at a high pitch are the weekly boxing cards consisting of ten fights on each card. Fight nights draw larger crowds than does any other inside sport.

Boxing at Fort Jackson is set up like big league baseball. It is organized into a five-team league, pros are barred from the ring, and the bouts draw large crowds. One fighter per weight division is the composition of each team, and each regiment fielding a team has a manpower reservoir of approximately 3,000 men to draw upon. All are in tiptop condition, aggressive and tough.

There are plenty of Golden Glove performers who remain unbeaten in Army matches. The boxing season at Fort Jackson runs from October to mid-January with two weeks off for Christmas. The length of the season allows plenty of time for training and developing any latent talent among the amateurs. It also prevents a team from holding ten winning boxers for an entire season. This is because after eight weeks of military training, most of the soldiers are transferred to other U. S. Army units at home or abroad.

The end result is that the search for talent never ends, and the best of ringside sharpies couldn't predict the result of next week's match.

Although there are no purses in Fort Jackson's boxing and winner's trophies go to the regiments rather to the boxer themselves, the fervor and determination with which these fellows slug it out is unmatched in the Gardens. All N.B.A. safety rules are strictly observed. Army medics examine every fighter only minutes before he climbs through the ropes and Army referees are quick to call a fight at the first sign of injury.

The protective helmet is mandatory for boxers at Fort Jackson, and while it undoubtedly saves some head injuries, it has made butting a fearsome foul. Fort Jackson's mammoth field house with bleacher space for thousands is packed on a boxing night. Admission is free, there are no reserved seats and Fort Jackson's commanding General Christian H. Clarke is often to be seen enjoying the fights.

Of amateur boxing in his command, General Clarke says, "*Team boxing is our best way, during mid-winter months, to foster sportsmanship, espirit de corps, and aggressiveness—all admirable attributes of America's young men in uniform.*"

FORT CARSON WILL HAVE WEEKLY BOXING SHOWS

Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colo. The popular weekly winter boxing programs are scheduled to get under way at Fort Carson, Colo. They will be run every Wednesday night.

MSgt Ray Teja will be at the helm of the program for the second year. He has made boxing one of the most attended sports at the mile-high mountain post at Colorado Springs.

Ray had more than 200 bouts as a professional fighter during a career that spanned more than 12-years. He was middleweight champion of Vermont from 1938-42.

Topping the talent this year will be Les Norris, a hard hitting welterweight who copped last year's All-Army Title.

Joining Norris will be Claudio Trujillo, 1958 Fifth U. S. Army bantamweight king, and Obie Vann, lightweight runner-up in that tourney. Gene Hamilton is the dean of the light heavyweights and will return to the ring when he finishes up his duties as co-captain and first string guard on the Mountaineer football squad.

The crop of Class III scrappers is bountiful at Fort Carson as are the Class II division men. Class III are fighters with less than four fights, and Class II have had four or more, but never in a post or Army tourney.

Fort Carson has one active professional scrapper in SFC Matt Jackson who campaigns at 177 pounds.

Jackson, former Diamond Belt champion of Salt Lake City, title winner in the Second Division and Sixth Army matches and a tryout for the Olympic squad, has been fighting professionally since 1952.

Matt is in the market for fights. He has been idle since September 1, when he kayoed Mexico's top heavyweight, Alfredo Zuany, in the sixth at Juarez. A previous meeting between these two at Abilene, Texas wound up in a split-decision for Zuany.

Jackson also dropped a close one to Hastings Hart in Denver, fought a draw with Nebraska's Billt Tyree and TKO'd "Big Boy" Holmes from

Phoenix in 1:37 of the third round at Colorado Springs, Colo.

WILLIE D'ANTIGNAC NEW PRO HAS WHAT IT TAKES

Willie D'Antignac, 160-pound Augusta, Ga., middleweight, completely ignored the fact he has practically no experience and pounded his way to an upset, unanimous decision victory over veteran Walter Irby at the National Guard Armory, recently.

D'Antignac, who took his fourth pro victory in five fights since turning pro in April of this year, thus set himself up as the talk of the area boxing crowd.

Irby, who brought a 30-3 professional record and an 89-4 over-all mark into the ring, simply had more than he could handle in the 22-year-old Augustan who is former Fourth Army champion.

"Willie was at least a hundred percent better than in his last fight," Augusta matchmaker Pete Tarpley said after the fight. *"This was by far his greatest fight—the greatest in fact, I've ever seen in Augusta."*

Irby, who fought such ring notables as Randy Sandy and Jose Torres, and once was a sparring partner for Gil Turner, had been considered a heavy favorite over D'Antignac because of his edge in experience.

"Willie looked great", Tarpley said. *"And we'll keep putting him against tougher opponents and working him up"*.

The first fight he had, he fought on the Basilio card. This was the only fight he has ever lost, and has beat that opponent in a return. The boxing crowd in the Augusta area feel he is a future champion.

FORT BELVOIR ENGINEERS HAS POTENTIAL

Fort Belvoir, Va. The Fort Belvoir Boxing Team opened the 1959-60 season recently with a pair of defeats at the hands of the Bolling Air Force Base Generals, and the Quantico, Virginia, Marines.

The Belvoir Engineers bowed to Bolling, Washington, D. C., 6-0, and then dropped an 8-1 verdict to Quantico. Belvoir and Quantico are scheduled for a rematch sometime in the near future.

Despite the pair of setbacks, Engineer coach Jack Monroe refused to be discouraged. He said his team had lots of "potential" and predicted rising fortunes for Belvoir as the season continues.

Monroe was especially high on Ronald Andrews, 166-pounder from Philadelphia. Andrews scored Belvoir's only win of the young season when he punched out a unanimous decision over James Kilgore of Quantico.

Other boxers who caught Monroe's eye included Muriel Kee, a 151-pound Military Policeman from Los Angeles, and Bob Chaplin, a 182-pound battler from Albany, New York.

Quantico punched out one knockout and four TKO's on it's way to an 8-1 win over the Engineers. Percy Price of the Marines cooled Belvoir's Willie Canada in the third round. Canada had to be carried from the arena on a stretcher after Price ended the fight with a short right hook.

Marine TKO's were scored by Joe Fitzpatrick, 126 pounds, over Joe Moreno, 122 pounds, in the first round; Gerald Moore, 122 pounds, over Ray Ritter, 125 pounds, in the first round. Dunni Niklow, 145 pounder, stopped Don Tanguay, 141 pounder, in the first round. Tom Settles stopped the young hopeful Muriel Kee, in the third round.

FORT BLISS, TEXAS—

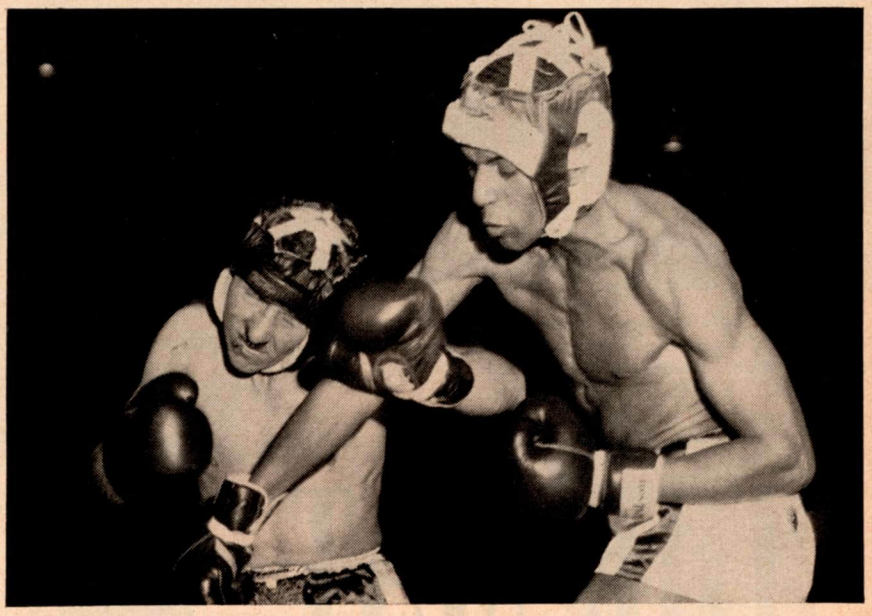
Boxing got off to a fine start at the Bundy Gymnasium where a full house watched the servicemen in action and got a big kick out of the thrilling competition. There was some bloody noses and a few exhausted battlers, but they entertained the crowd well and got a big hand from the capacity gathering. Fifteen bouts were scheduled with the men of Fort Bliss pitted against a team from Our Ladies' Youth Center of Downtown El Paso.

The first five bouts of the excellent program featured "pee wee" battlers. Coach McElwain, who is also the matchmaker, arranged the affair, the first of a series that will be featured throughout the winter.

One of Coach McElwain's best prospects, Charles Massero, a member of Battery C, 7th Training Battalion, lived up to expectations in the tenth bout of the evening, when he kayoed Ramon Martinez of the OLYC in 1.06 of the opening round. A right uppercut did the trick.

David Trout of the YAC defeated Mark Yelton of the same organization in the opening bout. Next came a good scrap in which Paul De Marco of the OLYC decisioned David Yelton of the YAC in a spirited affair. Harry Fullmore of YAC won a decision over Peter Grimm of the same club. He opened a cut over the latter's forearm, the first claret spilled.

Yac's Greg Gagnon set the pace in the fifth bout with a TKO victory in 1.30 of the third round over Al Huerta of OLYC. The loser scored well with right crosses until his opponent opened up with a body-punching barrage.

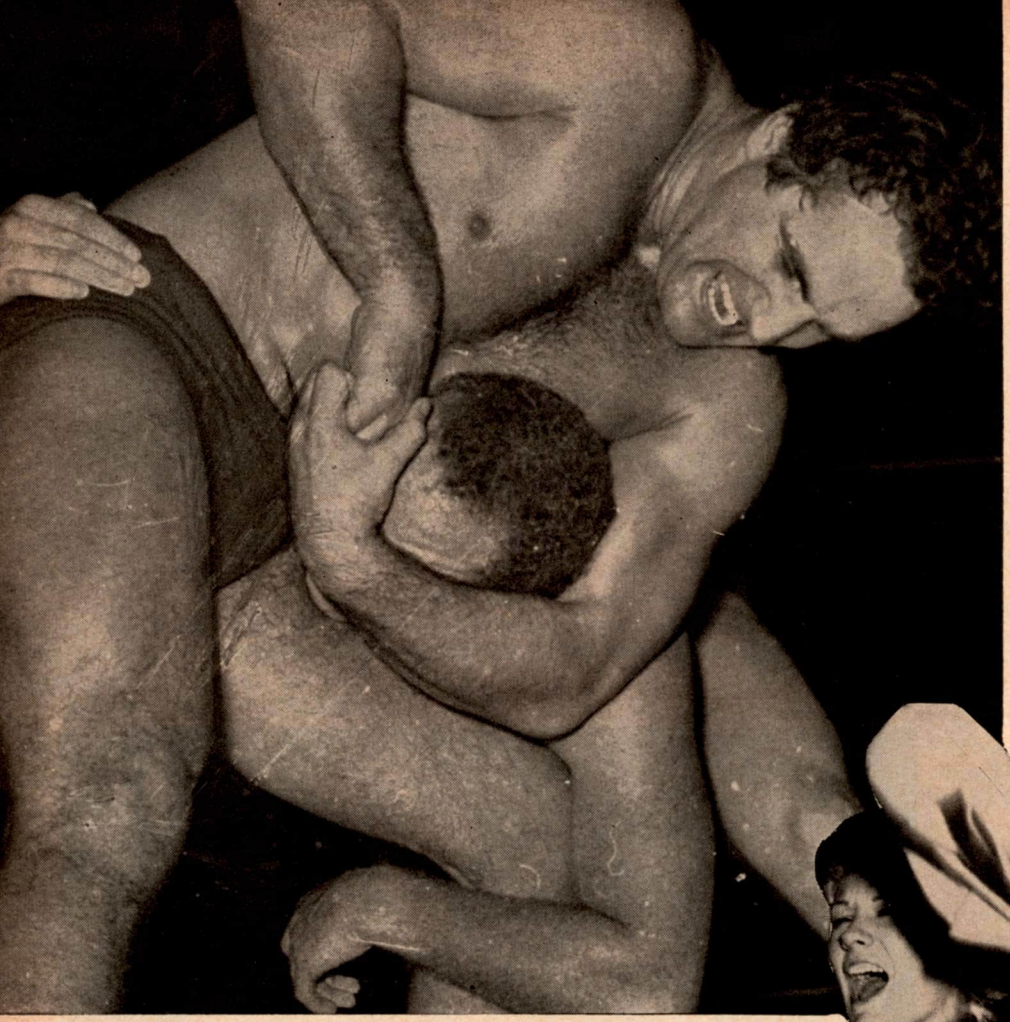


Robert Webb (right) of Bolling Air Force Base seen looping a right over guard of Fort Belvoir's John Sisson. Webb won the 125 pound contest via a decision as the Bolling Air Force team pounded out a 6-0 team win over Fort Belvoir team. (Photo by SP/4 Anthony Filiaci)

Other Quantico victories included decisions by Nathan Colman over John Sisson, Donald Granchey defeated William Grote, and Tony Santanillo upset Bob Chaplin

Bolling was led by Bobby Foster, last year's All Air Force light heavyweight champion, in its sweep of the card from the Engineers. Foster registered a third round TKO over Bob Chaplin after the Belvoir boxer had taken Foster's best punches for two and a half rounds.

Other Bolling wins in that event included a third round TKO by Fred Burris over Jewell Matten, and decisions by Willie Noys over Muriel Kee, Chester Ricks defeated William Grote, Robert Webb decisioned John Sisson, and Ronald Andrews lost to George McCorkle.



Nick Kozak applying a head lock on Red Donovan in Portland, region match that was won by Kozak with a body press to conclude a rough bout.

What makes wrestling the popular sport it is? Where else but at the groaners do the fans run the gamut with their emotions—where else can one witness murder so cheaply?

THE MAT WORLD

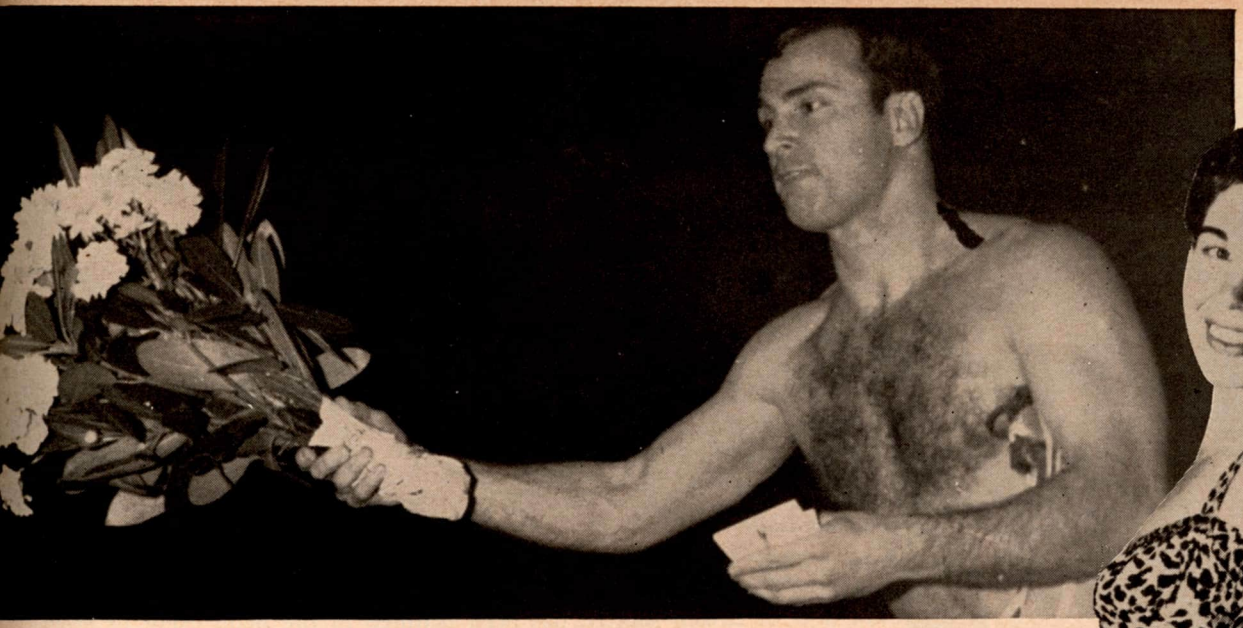
By NAT LOUBET

ON AND AROUND THE MAT

WORD from C. K. Walrond points up the potential of girl wrestling. Down South the arenas are jam-packed with performers like Margie Ramsey, Shirlee Aiken, Lois Cook, Cora Combs, Princess Moolah, to mention a few of the favorites. Opinion on women wrestling is, to say the least, divided. The pros and cons are greater than that shared by some husbands and wives.

We don't wish to enter the imbroglio but there is little doubt about the financial aspects of using the gals in arenas around the country. Whether we like to see the girls perform or no, the fact remains that Americans will flood a box office wherever the gals appear.

Word from Sugar Fields, Ricki Starr prexy, that his honorary's new record, "You Can't Hurt Me Anymore" is beginning to roll—it's an RCA label. Ricki may shortly be on display at a Los Angeles



Ricki Starr, song bird, terpsichorean and wrestler, offers a bouquet of flowers to an opponent before a match —Usually flowers are delivered after the match but Ricki likes his opponents to enjoy the gift while still conscious.
Right: Wedding Texas style with Jerry Kozak taking the vows with Miss Edie Weiss while brother Nick applauds in appreciation. 6000 wrestling fans witnessed the nuptials. (Photo by Bob Utter).

night spot—there is also the possibility of the hero of the ballet teaming up with Edward Carpentier as a tag team.

Karol Krausse has been doing a duo bit with Buddy Rogers—he also wrestled to a draw with Lou Thesz in Cincinnati.

Word has it that titleholder Pat O'Connor has challenged Ingemar Johansson, heavyweight boxing champ to an all-out boxer versus wrestler match in which Pat is sure that he will kayo his adversary in one round. Ingemar is tougher than you think Pat.

Did you know that: Bruno Samartino, 275 pounder, claims to be the strong man of wrestling . . . in Eastern rings he has been slightly less than a sensation . . . but he is impressive with that 59″ chest . . . Bob Leipler is using the Moniker of Duke Hoffman when wrestling in the East. . . . Antonino Rocca in past twelve months has covered more territories than any other wrestler.

FAN CLUB CORNER

The proof of the ever growing popularity of the mat sport is the never ending flow of new fan club letters reaching this desk, requesting listing. In the near future The Ring will again publish a listing of fan clubs in alphabetical order.

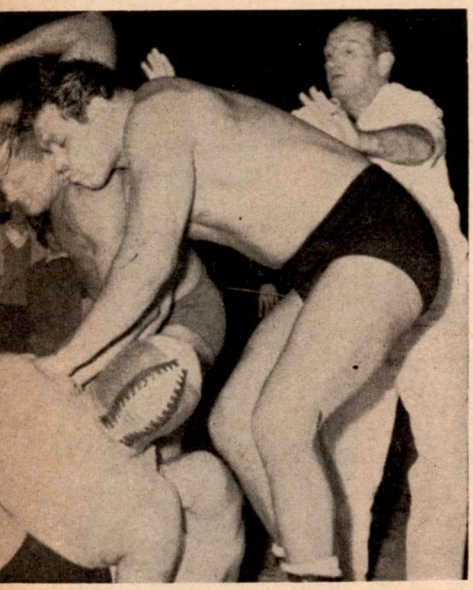
The growth in interest in the gals finds many new fan clubs in this department, one of the better ones is that for Kathy Starr, which is presided over by Bob Leonard, 2930 Ragina Ave., Sask., Canada. Incidently, Bob also runs a club for ex world titleholder Dick Hutton.

The Ricki Starr, no relation to Kathy Starr, Fan Club prexy, Sugar Ray Fields, would like to announce a new address for his club. Address, 447 Grandview Street, Los Angeles 57, Cal. For those fans of Buddy (Babyface) Craddock, who might like to join his club write to Miss Royetta Long, at Rose Hill, Virginia.

David Williams, prexy of the new Bearcat Wright FC welcomes new members . . . write to him at 196 No. Center St., Orange, New Jersey. A new chapter of the Jim Hardy FC has just been organized under the aegis of Mrs. Leita Dichl. Her address is 1312 N. Church St., Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Kathy Starr, twenty-four year old Arizonian whose leopard covering is the proper raiment for this ferocious she cat of the mat world.

Miss Marco Bernardi, Italian champ, working out with Gil "Tornado" Landau, California new face that will be heard from this coming year.



Above: Tag team southern style. Enrique Torres teams up with George Becker pounding away at the Great Bolo and Larry Hamilton outside the ring at the Charlotte Coliseum. Torres and Becker won match (Photo by Gene Gordon).

Below: Ronnie Etchison and his wife, Almeidia, high school sweethearts, a couple who are favorites among the young Pacific Coast set.

Popularity Ratings

MEN	WOMEN
1. Antonino Rocca	1. June Byers (Champ)
2. Ricki Starr	2. Penny Banner
3. The Amazing Zuma	3. Judy Grable
4. Jerry Graham and Johnny Valentine (Tag Team)	4. Fran Korvette
5. Count Billy Varga	5. Nell Stewart
6. Pretty Boy Collins	6. Mary Jane Mull
7. Duke Keomuka	7. Barbara Baker
8. The Gallagher Brothers (Tag Team)	8. Dot Dotson
9. Mike and Ben Sharpe (Tag Team)	9. Rita Cortez
10. Pat O'Connor (NWA Champ)	10. Princess Moolah (Champ)

ON THE SCENE
By Don Jordan

Antonino Rocca defeated the Amazing Zuma for the third straight time in the feature attraction at Madison Square Garden, New York City. Rocca, who will become a U. S. citizen shortly, has been featured in the main event of every card at MSG within the last 3 years. A SRO crowd witnessed the card . . . The final show of 1959 at MSG saw Rocca and Bearcat Wright hold Johnny Valentine and Jerry Graham to a draw.

Bruno Samartino claims that he holds 3 world's heavy weightlifting records. We had previously reported that he held 2 world's heavy lifting records . . . Rocca, who earlier in the month had beaten Valentine, returned from Florida where he met Hans Schmidt . . . Rocca and Red Bastien won over the Arabian Sheik and Bull Curry recently at Commack, N. Y. before 3,500 fans . . . Valentine and Graham were victorious over Ricki Starr and Zuma at West Hempstead, N. Y. Valentine and Graham twice defeated Wright and Haystack Calhoun at West Hempstead, L. I.

Eddie Gosette, has returned to the East from Florida where he teamed with Don Beitelman . . . Gorgeous George Wagner has returned to the East from Georgia . . . Kit Fox has returned to the East . . . Angelo Savoldi has returned to the East from the Southwest . . . Jerry Gordet has returned to the East after an absence of 3 years . . . Vic Christy has returned to the East from California after an absence of 6 years.

Enrique Romero has come to the East from California . . . Curry recently returned from Texas . . . George Bollas, who has been billed as the Zebra Kid at times, is being billed as the Iron Russian . . . Lou Klein is being billed as Lou Bastien in the East . . . East Coast promoters are after the services of Ramon Torres, who is the Pacific Coast Heavy Champ.

EASTERN ACTION
By Earle Yetter

The 1960 wrestling season wends its way toward spectacular triumphs from coast to coast. It continues to introduce new spectacles, new faces, and new innovations.

As a result of Promoter Pedro Martinez's enterprise, the City of Buffalo has returned to big time status as a wrestling city. Now wrestlers are tripping over themselves to be booked by the Martinez office, because Martinez can offer steady work in more than 53 cities and hamlets of New York and Ohio state. During the fiscal year from September '58 to September '59 Martinez grossed $1,262,000 with his wrestling promotions, and that isn't hay in any sense of the word.

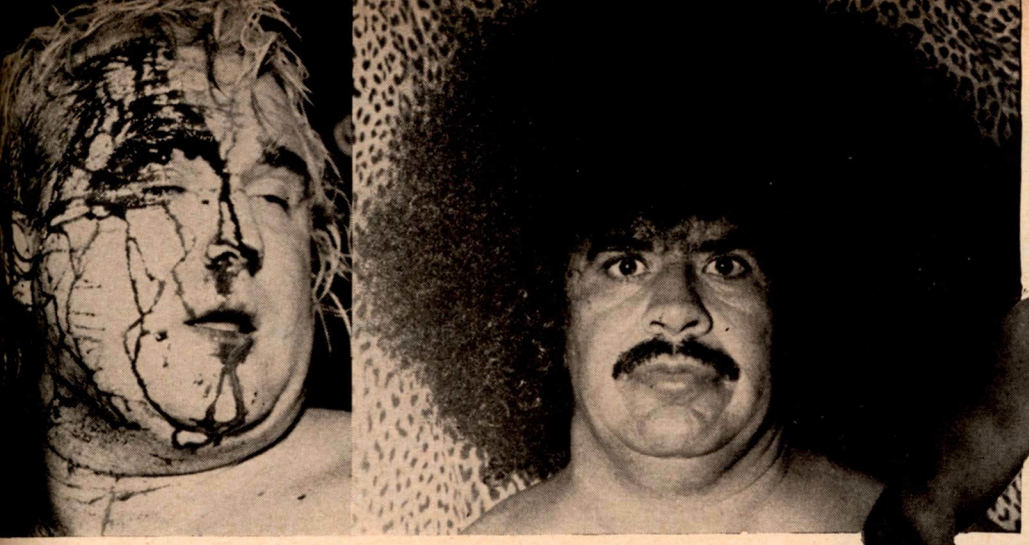
In Buffalo since the beginning of the new season 66,297 persons have attended the first 11 shows, with the Parade of Champions Extravaganza last November 13th drawing 11,888 through the turnstiles.

Fritz von Erich continues to be the leading villain as he continues his spectacular triumphs with his vaunted "Stomach Clawhold" and "Prussian Drop" hold.

Billy Lyons, sensational Canadian grappler, established a new record for a pin-fall in Buffalo when he flattened 340-pound Roy Campbell in 8 seconds.

Chief Chewacki, the "Unfriendly Gypsy," when he was in Cuba during the Fidel Castro uprising, had the nerve to challenge Castro to a wrestling match. Nothing came of it, however, as all New Yorkers had to get the first planes out of there in a hurry. Wonder what would have happened if Castro had accepted the challenge?

Hard-Boiled Haggerty howled to high Heaven when Billy Lyons got a decision over him in a recent Buffalo bout. It was indeed a feather in Lyon's hat and one of his most important victories. "I guess I underestimated Lyon's ability



Left, Jerry Graham as he looks more often than not after a match and to his right the fearsome Elephant Boy, a 275 pound behemoth from Capetown, South Africa.

. . . the boy has certainly come a long way since I saw him last, but I never dreamed he was good enough to stay with me all the way," said the talkative Irishman.

Leo Nomellini and Mike Paidousis are scheduled for New York State and Ohio action in the near future. They were booked by Promoter Martinez when the latter made a flying trip to California and Mexico during the holidays, seeking new wrestling talent.

Baron Ricardo Gattoni, the World traveler, had quite an experience when he came to this country. He drove 75,000 miles in a jeep. In some spots the jungle had to be cleared with machetes to make a path for the trip.

Once more the writer wishes to thank all the admirers of this column for the countless holiday cards. They were all appreciated and helped the New Year off to a flying start.

Big Bill Miller is back in action in the East, after a whirlwind mid-west campaign which saw him pile up notable mat victories. Bill would like nothing better than a World Championship bout with Champion Pat O'Connor.

Mike Valentino, the 29-year-old grappler from the Isle of Malta has been coming up with startling performances. Mike was a star soccer player and has been moving along at a fast clip against such opponents as Dick Hutton, Lord Layton, Fred Atkins and Jack Laskin and has been well received in the East.

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CANADIAN NEWS

From my grapevine comes reports that Whipper Billy Watson may retire, but in trying to confirm the report, it has been learned that the reports are just rumors and that Watson will continue in the wrestling wars for a couple more years. "Of course, opponents like Don Leo Jonathan and Gene Kiniski would like to remove me from the Canadian scene, but I am in the best shape of my career and will continue indefinitely," says the Whipper.

Thanks to correspondent Vic Davis for his reports during the past year . . . your cooperation was appreciated, Vic . . . Hard-Boiled Haggerty has made up his mind to see some of the rest of the world and on television recently told Sports Commentator Fred Sgambati that he will be off on a world tour, taking in Hawaii, California, New Zealand and Australia . . . Bon Voyage, Don. Now, that your single blessedness has ended, you will perhaps appreciate such a tour.

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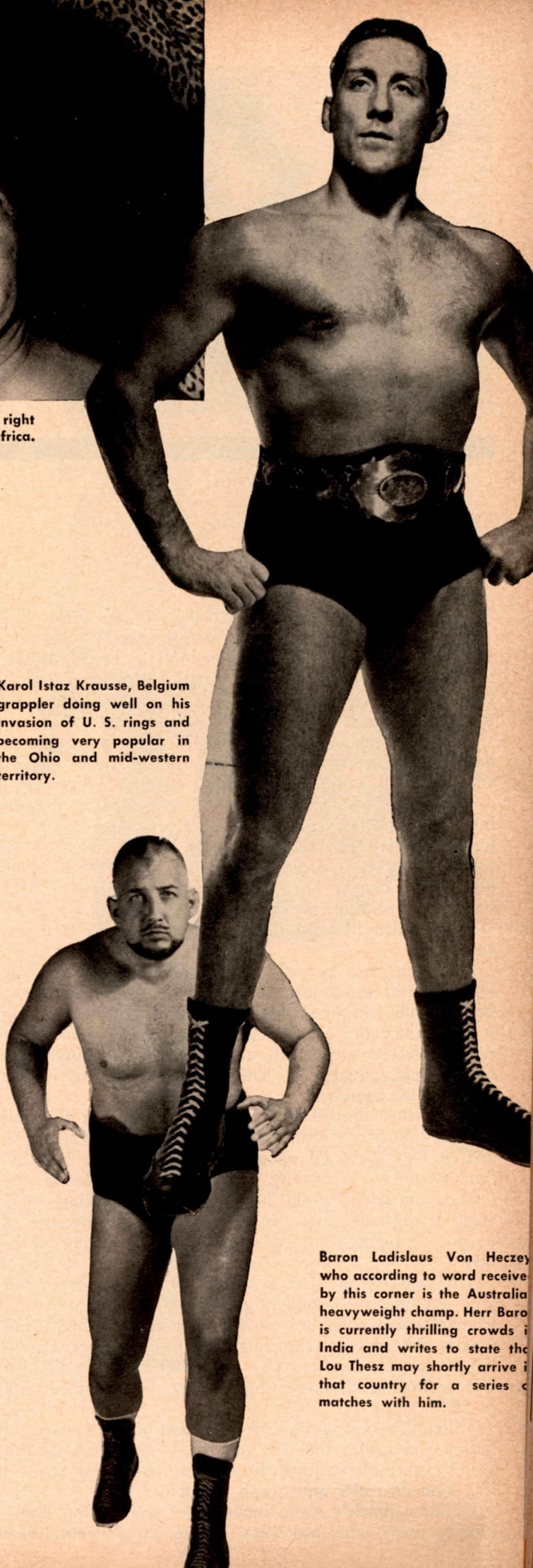


Karol Istaz Krausse, Belgium grappler doing well on his invasion of U. S. rings and becoming very popular in the Ohio and mid-western territory.

Baron Ladislaus Von Heczey who according to word receive by this corner is the Australia heavyweight champ. Herr Baro is currently thrilling crowds i India and writes to state thc Lou Thesz may shortly arrive i that country for a series c matches with him.

Don Eagle, left, seen with his father, in the ceremonial headdress of their tribe which is made out of eagle's feathers.

By EARLE YETTER

DON EAGLE

Colorful Mohawk Indian, Former World Champion Making Sensational Comeback Following Back Injury.

DON EAGLE, colorful Mohawk Indian, from the Indian Village of Caughnawago, Quebec, Canada, is once more making his bid for the World Heavyweight Championship, in a sensational mat comeback following a severe back injury which almost brought an end to his mat career.

As a youth, Don was an agile athlete. He engaged in hockey, lacrosse, rowing, horseback riding, track, archery and the art of pushing an opponent off a log with a stave.

However, Don's mother did not want him to become interested in wrestling. His mother remembers only too well when his Dad Chief War Eagle, who is retired former Junior Heavyweight Champion of the world, would come home with injuries including black eyes, bulbous ears, a busted beak and lips the thickness of knockwurst.

She decided that wrestling was out as far as Don was concerned.

Everything was peaceful in the village until one day Don's cousin came into town and easily flipped Mama Eagle's pride and joy on his caboose in a friendly wrestling tussle. Since the cousin scaled a mere 126 pounds and stood 5 feet 4 inches tall, the 6 foot, 220 pound Don immediately sensed what had brought about this muscle magic in his cousin.

The little culprit had been taking lessons in the mat art from none other than Don's Dad, Chief War Eagle, and so Don prevailed upon his father to teach him the fundamentals of wrestling. More for the sake of the preservation of his pride, he insisted upon learning every angle of the mat game. In a short time Don became an enigma to anybody who dared to tangle with him on the mat.

This was the start of a career that took him to not only a position as claimant of the World's Heavyweight Championship when he astounded wrestling addicts and experts alike with a surprising win over Frank Sexton in the Boston Gardens on May 1950, but also to a Golden Gloves Boxing Championship of the Cleveland district in 1945.

When you look at the list of the men he has fought and beaten you realize that the mat was a natural outlet for Don's exuberant talent; yet he is calm, regal in his carriage, is a kind character and deeply religious.

Children touch a warm human spot within Don Eagle. Not so many years ago when he was on a Pennsylvania wrestling tour, he received an urgent call to return to Columbus, Ohio. An eleven year old boy, dangerously ill with a kidney condition, wanted to see Don before he died. The lad's father phoned the young Indian and explained the situation. Without hesitation Don promised he'd be right there. On arrival in Columbus he spent several hours at the bedside of the dying boy.

In action, Don is one of the most versatile grapplers in the business. He has the uncanny ability to adapt himself to the style of each opponent he meets. To throw his adversary off balance; he switches from offensive to defensive tactics, and he has an effective counter for many of the winning holds of grappling's greats. He is the only man who can escape the Indian Deathlock and the Sleeper Holds; he can wiggle out of a full nelson, while other wrestlers succumb to its deadly power and are pinned.

Today, Eagle is at the zenith of his power. The secret

of his amazing condition, which was able to restore him to his full power, after five months on his back in a cast, due to a serious back injury, can be traced to his living habits. He neither smokes nor drinks; when he can, he sleeps nine hours a day; he partakes of a high protein diet and exercises daily with dumbbells and barbells. He says they build a strength reserve and give him the endurance so vitally needed for explosive periods of action.

In 1953, he took a match against a certain mat man who was notorious for his brutal mat style. From the start of the match, his adversary violated every rule in the book. He choked, gouged, kicked and bit. The referee tried to control the match, but just as he was about to disqualify Don's adversary, Don was tossed from the ring and he landed back down across the top of a ringside seat.

There followed long months in a plaster cast which covered him from neck to heels. Doctors said he would never be able to wrestle again. But his story is one of the miracles in the annals of the sport. After weary months of torture in a wheel chair he succeeded in having the power restored to his withered limbs. With the help of his father and the love of his wife and mother, a miracle was performed and he once more walked up the stairs of the rings of two continents to continue in the sport he loved.

Today, Don Eagle is better than ever. He is a prime favorite with the fans, because he always gives them a great show. He keeps up a swift, dazzling pace. He is perpetual motion in human form. His entrance to the ring is spectacular. He walks behind his father and both are crowned with the ceremonial war headdress of Eagle's feathers. Neither looks to the right or left. As Don climbs the steps to the arena, he reaches out and grasps the top rope, then hauls himself over with a graceful bound, raises his hand aloft in Indian greeting to the spectators, and is generally applauded generously.

As the bout begins, it is obvious that his every move has been thought out beforehand. He never underestimates an opponent, and he never makes the mistake of giving his adversary a break. He keeps up a relentless attack, and continuously confuses his opponent with unexpected gestures and many of them shake their heads in confusion, not knowing what to expect next. He has a spring-like step that spells vitality plus. Don counts every man dangerous until he has his shoulders pinned to the mat.

Since coming East to New York and Ohio, the bouts the writer has seen him in, really stamp the Indian as one of the top mat men in action today. He does not appear to have to extend himself to any great extent. He has the faculty of anticipating his rival's next move and has a counter all ready to meet the challenge. It is my firm belief that Eagle will go on to greater mat achievements than ever before.

He is once more aiming to take back the World Heavyweight Crown. When the day comes that he will weary of mat warfare, he intends to go into the lumber business and his father has already prepared for such a venture. Don also wants to open up a health camp for underprivileged, undernourished youngsters so that they may attain the fullness of health and happiness. It is indeed a noteworthy undertaking on the part of this great Indian.

He is undefeated in his Eastern campaign and there are many who feel that he will attain the world championship crown once more before he decides to retire.

While in school, Don studied law, but once his father started to train him for the wrestling wars, it was less and less of Blackstone and more of the art of bone-bending and body bashing. Is Don Eagle once more destined to become World Heavyweight Champion?

Eagle decked out in all the finery of the ceremonial war dance, which so many fans across America have witnessed.

BWA GALA NIGHT

By AL BUCK

THE 34th annual dinner of the Boxing Writers' Association, held at New York's Waldorf Astoria Hotel, was the sounding board for revealing Madison Square Garden's future course, now that the National Broadcasting Company is dropping the Friday night TV fights.

The course was charted by Admiral John J. Bergen, who assured the 500 guests, the second largest in the thirty-four annual affairs, that the Garden will continue to promote boxing at regular intervals, as it has done during the past 45 years. Speaking as Chairman of the Board, the Admiral drew cheers when he declared: *"We have not only the desire, but the know how to promote boxing."*

"In addition, the Garden plans to promote the two biggest championship fights each year. It is limited to that number under Judge Sylvester Ryan's anti-trust decision, but if at all possible, these two will be held in New York City," said the Admiral.

The implication was that although a bystander in the maneuverings to promote Ingemar Johansson's first defense of the heavyweight title, the Garden stands ready to enter the competition should the champion be declared a free agent.

"We think the fighters and their managers know that whatever the Garden agrees to pay will be paid them," said Bergen.

This was in line with Johansson's thinking, as later in the evening, when accepting the Edward J. Neil award as the "Fighter of the Year," the champion declared:

"I wish it was here like it is in Europe, where you shake hands, fight and the next day you are paid your money."

Bergen expressed the Garden's confidence in boxing, adding that *"at the present time the Gillette Razor Co. shares our confidence."* Gillette has sponsored the Garden fights on television for the last 15 years. It is the network, and not the sponsor, that is dropping the program, although the Admiral said the ratings were high, and it was estimated that 25,000,000 people watch the fights each Friday night.

Here was a hint that Gillette and the Garden have under consideration a private network to carry the show. At least such a possibility is being investigated.

The answer to boxing's problems, and they are many, will not be solved by new legislation, either on the State or Federal level Bergen said. *"There have been many suggestions that boxing requires new legislation,"* he explained. *"Legislation may be desirable, but it will not by itself solve the problems."*

Without naming him, Bergen told of a boxer who had refused an offer of $500,000. This, of course, is Sugar Ray Robinson who rejected the Garden's half million dollar bid to defend the world middleweight title against Carmen Basilio.

The dinner, the most successful the Boxing Writers' Association has held in recent years, packed the Waldorf's Sert Room. Over 100 had to be turned away, but those lucky enough to get in, had an enjoyable evening, high lighted by the awards, challenges and an on the spot signing of a title fight. Setting on the dais besides Johansson, were James J. Braddock, Joe Louis and Archie Moore, and 20 former world champions in other divisions graced the lower dais.

Johansson was the central figure as he accepted the Neil plaque from President Barney Nagler of the Morning Telegraph. He had been challenged earlier by Archie Moore, the world light-heavyweight king, and last year's recipient of the Neil award.

"I came looking for a fight," said the smiling Moore. *"I have suggested to Johansson that we box a couple of rounds. He tells me that he must first fight Patterson, which is proper."*

"I have an apple tree in my Garden in Sweden. Right now the apple is hard. A year from now it will be soft, and I can stick my finger through it like this," said Johansson laughingly, illustrating with a finger, and implying that Ancient Archie would soften with the passing of the next 12 months. The remark brought roars of laughter, even Ancient Archie joining in the fun.

Moore rejected the challenge of Harold Johnson, a contender for the light-heavyweight crown, on much the same grounds.

"Another year won't hurt," said Moore, referring to Johnson, rather than to his own ambition to fight Johansson.

"I hear Sugar Ray Robinson is in town," Moore added with a grin. *"Anybody seen him? We could fight before a sellout crowd of 100,000. Only Ray is too old,"* winked the Methusulah of the roped arena.

It was all in fun, but Ingo became serious when he

declared: *"I hope to fight Patterson. I hope the contract will be one everybody can understand."*

Patterson did not attend the dinner thus his suspended manager, Cus D'Amato was on hand. But when Toastmaster Dan Daniel asked the guests to give Floyd in absentia a welcoming hand as a good boxer, a solid American citizen, a credit to boxing, the guests broke into prolonged applause.

The signing was done by Carmen Basilio, who was welterweight champion before he won and lost the middleweight title. Seated on a dais of champions, past and present, Basilio agreed to return to the welterweight division, and declared he has a date to fight champion Don Jordan at Syracuse, June 10, with the welter crown at stake.

The match was first announced by Norm Rothschild, Syracuse promoter, on receiving a special award, a handsome gold watch, from the Boxing Writers' Association for his services to boxing. "He has kept boxing alive in upper New York State despite heavy losses at times and has bagged a number of championship matches," read the citation.

Gene Fullmer, the National Boxing Association middleweight champion, was present to see his manager, Marv Jenson, receive the James J. Walker Award for "long and meritorious service." For many years Jenson, a former mayor of West Jordan, Utah and active in church affairs, has been active in developing youngsters in a gym set-up in the cellar of his home. Fullmer is a graduate from Jenson's school.

Jenson suggested that when a boxer is cut, or injured the doctor at the ringside should permit the seconds the full minute rest period between rounds to see if the boxer's wounds can be patched up by the men in the corner. Then, if necessary, he should examine the cut or injury.

"The minute rest period is all too short," said Jenson. The suggestion would require drastic changes in the boxing regulations, and obviously did not meet with the approval of Gen. Melvin L. Krulewitch, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission. Gen. Krulewitch called attention to New York's excellent safety record during the past year, and "hoped and prayed" that it would continue.

Other awards went to Tony Marenghi, boxing expert of the Newark Star-Ledger, the founding father of the New Jersey Boxing Writers' Association and to Col. Harvey L. Miller, a retired Marine, who was in on the birth of the NBA in 1924 as one of its organizers. There was a special award, presented by Nat Fleischer, publisher of The Ring, to the New York Daily News for its great contribution to amateur boxing through its sponsoring of the far flung Golden Gloves competition which has produced many world professional champions and his been the incubator for pro boxing.

World Heavyweight Champion Ingemar Johansson is presented with the Edward J. Neil award as "Fighter of the Year" for 1959 by Boxing Writer President Barney Nagler at the Waldorf-Astoria dinner. Johansson was the first foreigner to gain this coveted honor.

While at a loss to explain the reason for California's withdrawal from the NBA, President Tony Maceroni stoutly defended both his organization and boxing in general. NBA Commissioner Abe J. Greene spoke in the same vain as he challenged the various investigating bodies to reach constructive conclusions.

Joe Louis, a former Neil Award recipient, received a tremendous ovation when introduced. Others present who had won the big award were Basilio, Gus Lesnevich and Barney Ross.

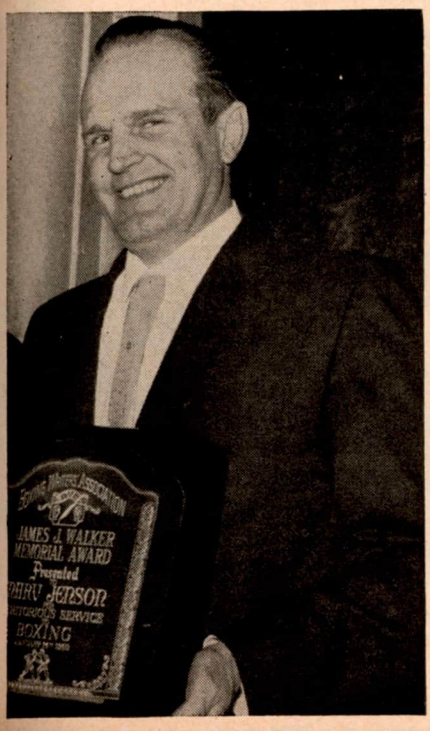
Sam Taub introduced the dais of champions, and Abe Attell, Paul Berlenbach, Jim Braddock, Freddie (Red) Cochrane, Paddy DeMarco, Frankie Genero, Ben Jeby, Tommy Loughran, Willie Pep, Lou Salica, Pete Scalzo and Phil Terranova took bows to applause of the guests. It was the largest gathering of boxing elebrities under one roof at a banquet in many years.

Introduced from the floor were Jack Kearns, veteran manager of Jack Dempsey and Mickey Walker, now co-manager of the colorful Moore; Ruby Goldstein, the referee; Jimmy Bronson, matchmaker for the Jack Fugazy group that seeks to promote the Johansson-Patterson fight and Billy Graham, now retired but once a leading welterweight contender.

Of course Bergen's speech was the main event. He praised the Garden officials, including Ned Irish, president; Harry Markson, promoter, and Teddy Brenner, matchmaker. The Admiral was confident that the elimination of the TV cameras would bring the people back to the Garden, but he stressed he was not interested in promoting a big fight just for glory.

The Garden wants a profit, which is as it should be.

"For the first 25 years without television the Garden promoted successfully" said Admiral Bergen *"and I believe it can do so again."*



Smiling Marv Jenson with the James J. Walker Award. Jenson, manager of Gene Fullmer, was chosen for his contributions of time and money in building a gym for young fighters and his fight to curb juvenile delinquency in his home state of Utah.

Former world bantamweight champion Johnny Coulon, center, is flanked by members of his staff that toured Europe during the first world war, putting on boxing bouts and setting up training and boxing programs for the boys of the A.E.F.

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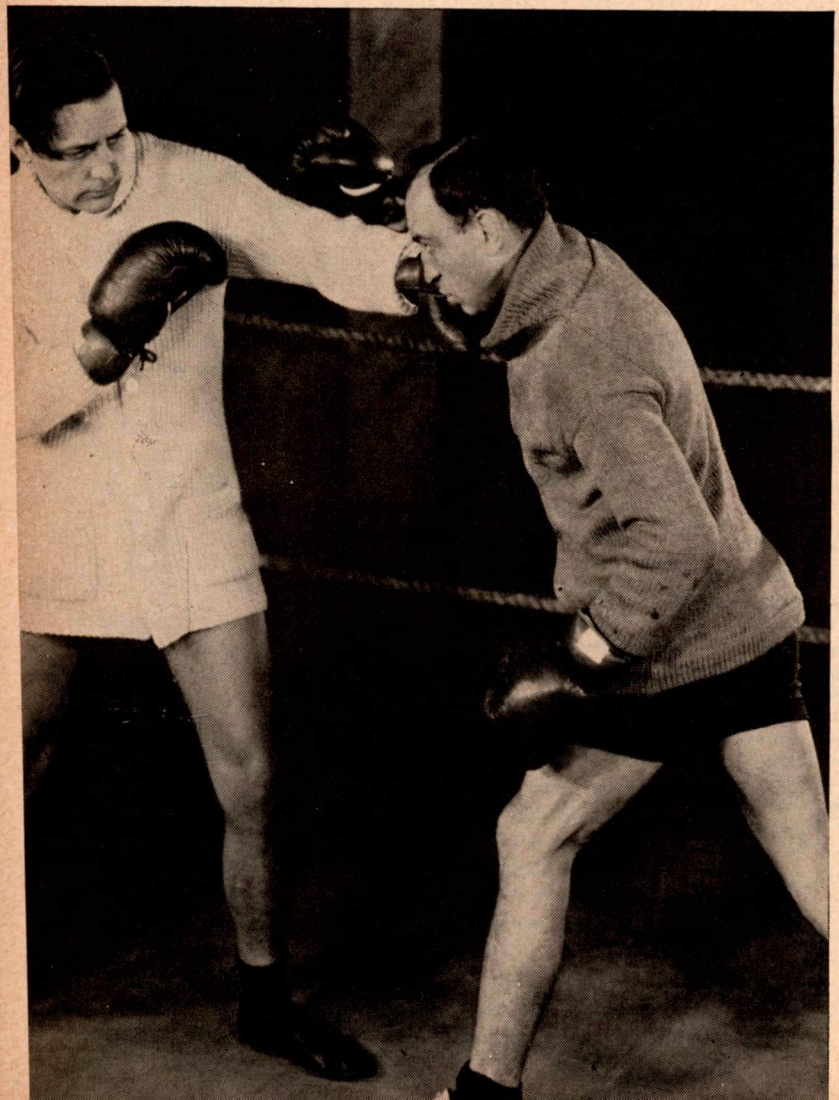
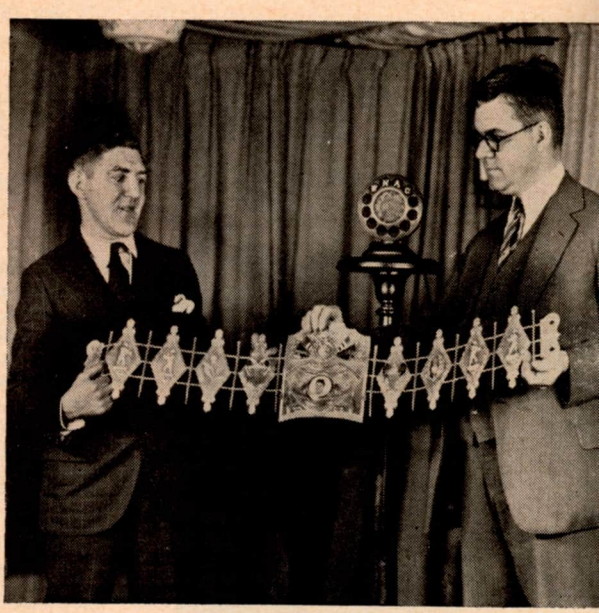
Young Corbett, center seated, is flanked by his sparring partners as they relax following a hard day's training for his second fight with Terry McGovern at San Francisco on March 31, 1903, Corbett kayoed McGovern in the eleventh round.





(Above), Red Chapman, New England featherweight, is presented with the belt that belonged to the great George Dixon by sports writer Jack Conway back in 1926. (Left), Leach Cross, (right) is shown trading blows with Screen Star Kenneth Harlan, who was training for a part as a boxer in a 1924 movie.

THE MAT WORLD

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Rampaging Gene Kiniski, who has been a stormy petrel in Canadian wrestling circles recently was fined $99 for assaulting Constable Robert Gillies during a match at Memorial Arena, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Kiniski struck Gillies with his elbow and forearm when the officer requested him to return to the ring instead of chasing a boy who had thrown a wad of paper at him. When Magistrate H. R. Howitt imposed the sentence, Kiniski shouted that his rights as a Canadian citizen had been taken away from him. "A wrestler has a right to protect himself at all times," said the recalcitrant Gene. Kiniski and Don Leo Jonathan still retain the Canadian Open Tag Team Championship at the present writing.

Bill Stack has given up active mat competition to throw his weight around now as a referee. He is a welcomed addition to Promoter Frank Tunney's corps of arbiters. He is especially needed during some of those hectic tag team matches.

Toronto fans have taken the popular Ilio Di Paolo to their hearts . . . after a successful bout his horde of well-wishers carry Ilio to the dressing room on their shoulders . . . just like the heroes in the days of old.

Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff are back in action on the Canadian circuits and that spells disaster for other tag team combinations. The Russians are former-Canadian Open Tag Team Champions and they are confident that they can once more attain their former prestige in tag team circles. . . . It is just a warning to Kiniski and Jonathan that they will be expected to defend their laurels if they are to remain champions.

It cannot be denied that wrestlers are among the finest people I have ever come in contact with. They are human as you and I. They have their families, their hobbies and they eat, sleep, drink and relax as you and I. They cannot be accused of lacking nerve. To the contrary, they must possess nerves of steel and there is no cowardice among them, as is proven by the distinguished service a host of wrestlers gave in the service of their country during World War II. In fact, they should be admired instead of ridiculed. Remember this, the next time you are tempted to throw tirades in their direction.

Remember what they had to go through in order that you may see them in action in the ring. Remember that they are in there to give you entertainment and that you have paid your admission price to see them. Give them the benefit of the doubt. Give them some of the credit they are rightfully entitled to receive. When you do these things, I am sure that you will leave the arena with a clearer view of what the sport of wrestling stands for.

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CLEVELAND, OHIO WRESTLING REPORT
By John C. Coufalik

On television: First match—Chief Chewacki wrestled Billy (Red) Lyons. As the match started Billy (Red) Lyons had things his own way. Billy won the first fall by way of a disqualification because of unnecessary roughness and failure to break when ordered to do so by the referee. As the second fall started Lyons came back to give Chewacki a series of drop kicks and a body press to take the second fall and match from Chewacki.

Before the second bout Bobo Brazil came in to talk to Lord Layton and then was interrupted by Waldo Von Eric. Fritz Von Eric came in just as Brazil was entering the ring for the second event, then the Von Eric Brothers came after Brazil and enraged him so that they both fell out of the ring after Bobo used his Coco butt on the Von Eric's. When order was restored the second match got under way with Bobo Brazil vs. Baron Gattoni. Bobo won the first fall with forearm smashes and his famous Coco head butts. The second fall started as Baron Gattoni came out of his corner intent on working over Brazil for his defeat in the first fall. Brazil won the match when Gattoni tried a monkey flip with Bobo hanging on and the Baron was pinned as Brazil stayed on top of the Baron as he went down.

The main event of the afternoon saw Mike Valentino and Sandor Kovacs go against the German Bombers, the Von Eric Brothers. As the event started Waldo Von Eric and Mike Valentino came to grips, then as Waldo had Valentino down in the Von Eric corner, Waldo told Fritz to get up on the top rope and jumped on Valentino. After his misfortune Valentino tagged Kovacs and the Von Eric's went on their merry ways ganging onto their respective men. Fritz clinched the match with the use of the Von Eric version of the claw hold on Valentino.

At the Cleveland Arena the fans saw Lord Athol Layton and Bobo Brazil defeat the famous Von Eric Brothers in the main two out of three fall event. Mike and Doc Gallagher won a one fall match against the unpopular Millers. In other matches Fred Atkins won over Herb Gerwig, Prof. Arakawa won his match with Sandor Kovacs, as did Billy (Red) Lyons over Chief Chewacki. Mike Valentino went to a very popular draw decision with Baron Gattoni.

Televised matches saw Zabio and Sando Kovacs wrestle a scientific match with Zabio taking the first fall with a body press. The second fall was won by Sandor Kovacs with a drop kick and a body press to even things up. The same thing happened in the third fall with Sandor Kovacs winning a very good scientific match.

The second match saw Chief Chewacki go against a very popular opponent Bobo Brazil in one fall. This bout was a fast and furious affair with Brazil winning after receiving a great deal of punishment. Bobo won the event by once again using his pet finisher the Brazil Coco head butt.

The main event was between Hard-Boiled-Haggerty and Billy (Red) Lyons. This match was a two out of three fall affair. Haggerty tried everything he could think of to beat Lyons but the tables were turned on Haggerty as Billy (Red) Lyons won the first fall with a drop kick and body press. Lyons won the second fall and the match as he once again caught Haggerty off guard and won the event with the Lyons drop kick.

Televised wrestling. The first event saw Sandor Kovacs and Ilio DiPaolo wrestle a one fall scientific match. Both men showed an excellent variety of true wrestling holds. The match ended when Kovacs tried a flying drop kick and was caught by Ilio DiPaolo and was given an aeroplane spin by DiPaolo.

The second bout was between the Mighty Atlas and Dan Miller. The first fall was won by Miller when he caught Atlas with a series of drop kicks and body press. The second fall was won by Atlas as he applied the Atlas full nelson on Miller. At a fall apiece Miller went on to win the match with a series of drop kicks.

The main event between Ed Miller and Mike Valentino was a two out of three fall event. The first fall was won by Miller when both men collided and Miller ended up on top. The second fall was also won by Miller when he applied the Miller version of the standing back breaker to win the fall and the match.

Televised wrestling. The first event saw Mike Valentino and a newcomer to this area, Johnny Foedy wrestle in another scientific two out of three fall match, with Valentino taking the first fall with a pair of flying mares and a cradle hold. The second fall was won by Foedy by way of a shoulder stand. The match ended when time ran out with the final result a draw.

The second event saw Billy (Red) Lyons go against Baron Gattoni in a one fall match. Billy Lyons won the match with a flip and a body press.

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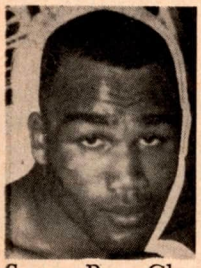
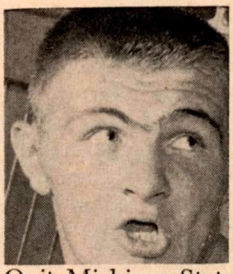


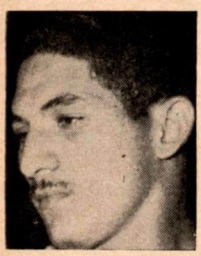
VON CLAY

Hard socking newcomer from Philadelphia, Pa. . . . Has jumped into the top ranks of the light heavyweights in only a dozen fights . . . Has scored 8 kayos in 10 wins and has had two draws . . . 21 years old . . . Had short but impressive record as an amateur before turning pro in 1957 . . . Has kayoed Sonny Ray, Clarence Hinnant, Artie Miller, Pat Roberts, Jimmy Robinson . . . A real crowd pleaser with TNT in either hand . . . Is bigger local draw than his stablemate Len Matthews.



TOM McNEELEY

The "Wild Irishman" . . . All-around Athlete from Arlington, Mass. . . . Was chosen from the All-American High School Football team as a tackle . . . Is 6 foot 2 inch tall . . . 200 pounds . . . Made TV debut stopping George Logan . . . Is undefeated in 16 pro fights, scoring 14 kayos . . . Quit Michigan State after two years when college dropped boxing as a sport . . . Dad, a florist, was a top amateur boxer . . . A stand-up boxer with a stiff right and a crowd pleasing style . . . Had only 22 amateur bouts, winning 19 . . . 22 years old . . . One of the most promising of the new heavyweights.

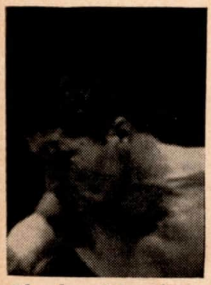


FLORENTINO FERNANDEZ

Hard socking Cuban sensation . . . Has scored 20 kayos in winning 24 out of 25 fights . . . Won 23 in a row before being stunningly kayoed in one round by Rocky Kalingo . . . In a return, came off floor to kayo Kalingo in two rounds . . . Hits hard with either hand . . . Turned pro in 1956 after amateur career . . . Had a kayo string of 15 straight during 1958-59 . . . Has kayoed Paddy DeMarco, Stefan Redl, Cesar Orta, Rocky Randell . . . Defeated Gaspar Ortega . . . Has become a favorite of the TV fans . . . 21 years old . . . Rated among top ten welterweights.

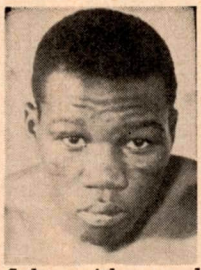
DENNY MOYER

Clever young Irish welterweight contender from Portland, Oregon . . . Has lost only once in 23 pro fights . . . That loss was in a bid for the world welterweight championship against Don Jordan . . . Moyer was the youngest challenger for the title in history . . . 20 years old . . . 5 ft. 7 inches tall . . . Has older brother Philip, a promising middleweight . . . Uncle is former fighter and top promoter, Tommy Moyer . . . Was National A.A.U. champion in 1957 . . . Lists Vince Martinez, Virgil Akins, Gaspar Ortega, Paddy DeMarco, Johnny Saxton, Al Andrews and Tony Dupas among his victims.



STAN HARRINGTON

Pride of the Hawaiian Island . . . Made impressive showing in TV debut against Gaspar Ortega . . . A stiff puncher with a crowd pleasing style . . . Ortega fight was first out of native Honolulu . . . Has scored 21 kayos in winning 34 of 40 fights . . . Lists Chico Vejar, Tony Dupas, Joe Miceli, Charley (Tombstone) Smith, Rocky Kalingo, L. C. Morgan, Paddy DeMarco and Jerry Hunnicutt among his victims . . . Won first 19 in a row after turning pro in 1953 . . . 26 years old.



BENNY (KID) PARET

Newest welterweight threat . . . Shot into spotlight with upset win over number one contender Charley Scott . . . Born and still lives in Santa Clara, Cuba . . . 22 years old . . . Began pro career in 1955 . . . Has won 29 of 37 fights . . . Has an excellent crowd pleasing style . . . Won first 15 pro fights without a loss . . . Made U. S. debut in 1958 . . . Has defeated Rudy Sawyer, Victor Zalazar, Eddie Armstrong, Barry Allison . . . Held undefeated Jose Torres to a draw . . . Fights in both the welter and middleweight classes . . . Has a large following in New York City.

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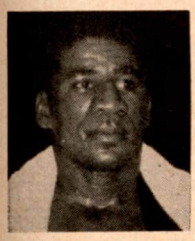


LUIS RODRIGUEZ

Cuban champion and number one contender for world's welterweight title . . . Has patterned his style after his idol Kid Gavilan . . . Is a busy two-fisted swinger with good left jab and speed to burn . . . Is unbeaten in 24 fights, scoring 7 kayos . . . Born in Camaguey, Cuba 22 years ago . . . Holds wins over Virgil Akins, Sugar Hart, Rudell Stitch, Larry Baker, Isaac Logart, Benny Paret, Gomeo Brennan . . . Kayoed Joe Miceli, Cecil Shorts, Charley Scott . . . Won Cuban title in 1958 defeating Kid Fichique.

KID SIXTO RODRIGUEZ

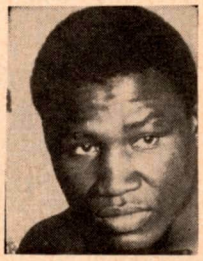
Fancy boxing California light heavyweight champion . . . Made impressive showing in TV debut when as a late substitute he drew with Von Clay . . . Born and still lives in San Anselmo, Calif. . . . Began pro career in 1956 under the name of Kid Sixto . . . Has lost only 2 of 26 fights . . . Won first 20 in a row after turning pro in 1956 before suffering first loss and State title with it to Monroe Ratliff. Reversed loss and regained crown in next bout . . . Also has won over Eddie Cotton, Junior Washington, Billy Hester, Tommy Villa, Ted Martin.

GUSTAV SCHOLZ

European Middleweight Champion . . . A shifty hard hitting southpaw who is rated by many as the best 160 pounder in the world today . . . Blue eyes blond . . . Nicknamed "Bubi" . . . 29 years old . . . Born and still lives in Berlin . . . Began pro career in 1948 . . . Did not lose a fight until 1958 when he was beaten by Charley Humez, 7 months later kayo Humez to win European title . . . A potent puncher, he has kayoed Jacques Royer-Crecy, Chris Christensen, Peter Mueller Tuzo Portuguez, Max Resch, and Andre Drille . . . Defeated Johnny Halafihi, Al Andrews, Alex Buxton and Wim Snoek . . . Has won 59 of 65, scoring 32 kayos.

GUY SUMLIN

Clever, speedy southern welterweight pride . . . 22 years old . . . Born and still lives in Mobile, Ala. . . . Rolled up an impressive record as an amateur before turning pro in 1957 . . . Went 15 straight fights before losing close decision to the veteran contender Ralph Dupas . . . A hometown idol, he has put Mobile back on the fistic map . . . Only other loss in 22 fights was to Rudell Stitch, also a top contender . . . Has defeated Gomeo Brennan, Tony Dupas, Johnny Gorman, Mel Barker, Ernie Smith, Ray Portilla, Ray Greco . . . While not a power puncher, has stopped eight foes including Herbie Rodriguez . . . Hopes to be seen on TV in the near future.



DICK TIGER

British Empire Middleweight Champion from Nigeria . . . Has been very active since coming to the U. S. in 1958 . . . Fought six times and father of a pair of twins, a boy and a girl . . . 30 years old . . . Hard short amateur career . . . Made pro debut in 1952 . . . Won 35 of 47 bouts, 16 by kayos . . . Is a strong aggressive puncher who likes to work on the body . . . Won title by kayoing Pat McAteer in 1958 . . . Has lost only four of his 18 and reversed two of those . . . Has defeated Randy Sandy, Phil Edwards, Joey Giardello, Holly Mims, Gene Armstrong, Yolande Pompey, and Terry Downes.

RAYMUNDO (BATTLING) TORRES

Undefeated Mexican idol . . . 20 years old . . . Born and still makes his home in Reynosa, Sonora, Mexico . . . Began pro career in 1957 . . . Quickly reached main bout class as a featherweight . . . Has become a big favorite in California where next month he fights Carlos Ortiz for the Junior Welterweight Title . . . Terrific puncher . . . Has kayoed 23 of his 30 victims, including Johnny Busso, Frankie Ryff, Billy Peacock, Jimmy Moser, Bobby Rogers, Chico Medina . . . Defeated Paul Armstead, Victor Manuel Quijano, and Angel Guerrero . . . Rated among the top four lightweights in the world.

WILLIE TOWEEL

Former British Empire Bantamweight and Lightweight Champion . . . Younger brother of former bantamweight champion Vic . . . Father and three other brothers were also fighters . . . 25 years old . . . Born and still makes his home in Johannesburg, South Africa . . . Lost to Olympic champion Nate Brooks in 1952 games at Helsinki in semi-finals . . . Turned pro following year and as bantamweight fought to a draw with Robert Cohen in world's title bout in 1955 . . . Has now grown into a junior welterweight . . . Made big hit in U. S. debut, coming off floor to beat Len Matthews . . . Has lost only 4 of 49 fights . . . Defeated Dave Charnley, Jimmy Carter and Al Neverez.

MARIO VECCHIATO

European Lightweight champion . . . A fast shifty boxer . . . 28 years old . . . born in Udine, Italy, now lives in Milan . . . Has lost only three decisions in 55 fights . . . Won European title beating Larhoudi Godih . . . Lost only U. S. fight to Bobby Scanlon, but hopes to do better on next American visit . . . Started his pro career in 1954 . . . Has done most of his fighting in Italy . . . Holds wins over Felix Chiocca, Orlando Zulueta, Charley Douglas, Fernand Nollet and drawn with Duilio Loi . . . Rated among the top lightweights in the world and top boxers in Europe.

THE MAT WORLD

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The main event was between Raoul Lopez and Bobo Brazil. Brazil won the first fall when Lopez tried a drop kick and missed, with Brazil landing out of the ring. That was his downfall as he came back, Brazil dropped him to take the first fall. As the second fall got under way Lopez got Bobo enraged and Bobo used his Coco butt. Brazil then applied his abdominal stretch to win the second fall and the match.

SCENE IN MONTREAL
By Gil Smith

Scowling "Killer" Kowalski once again reigns supreme on the wrestling front here, by virtue of his 2 out of 3 falls triumph over Nature Boy "Buddy" Rogers, at the Montreal Forum. Furor followed in the wake of his victory.

In this, their third meeting, Kowalski successfully avoided Rogers' leglock which had downed him on the previous occasions. In the first 5 minutes of this encounter, Rogers had the giant in trouble with arm-locks. But Kowalski battled back to inflict severe punishment on his rival, and captured the fall with a body-press after weakening Buddy with a knee drop. Time of the fall was 10.01.

Rogers evened the score with a whirlwind attack that gave Kowalski no chance to get set. Blond Buddy crashed Kowalski's head to the mat with a piledriver, hurled him out of the ring, and when the Killer returned in a dazed condition, Rogers pinned him with a body-press of his own after 9.38 minutes.

Kowalski resorted to trickery as the deciding fall got under way. Feigning a neck injury he appeared to be almost ready to concede the match, and Rogers relaxed accordingly. Suddenly the giant attacked and floored Rogers with an elbow smash. As Buddy sprang back, they collided with a crash in mid ring that dazed both. Kowalski rallied faster than his opponent however, launching a vicious attack on Buddy's legs and finishing off with a series of thudding knee-drops. Still on the rampage, Kowalski picked up the battered Rogers and hurled him straight at referee Jimmy Orlando, sending both the official and Rogers crashing through the ropes.

With the crowd in an uproar around the ringside, Kowalski pulled referee Orlando back in through the strands, leaving Rogers lying in a heap on the Forum floor. There remained nothing for Orlando to do but count out the Nature Boy, and Kowalski was declared winner after 8.35 minutes. Kowalski weighted 260, Rogers scaled 238. A belt, emblematic of the heavyweight title was presented to Kowalski following his victory.

The semifinal: A 1 fall 30 minute affair, saw the Kalmikoff brothers Ivan, 230, and Karol, 235, of Russia, overcome the team of Bobby Managoff 235, Chicago, and Paul Baillargeon, 238, Quebec, when the latter pair were unable to get back into the ring in time to beat the count.

A handicap match, between monstrous-looking The Great Antonio, 445, and the pair of Red Benson, 270, St. Louis, Mo., and Tiger Tasker, 235, Boston, was won by Antonio after only 8.08 minutes. Antonio, long-haired and long-bearded and with arms like tree trunks, used bear-hugs to great advantage to weaken his foes. He threw Tasker out of the ring with ease, turned on Benson to bear-hug and body-press Red into submission.

Preliminaries: Larry Moquin, 224, Montreal, overcame Paul Vachon, 240, Montreal, in a wild melee that featured almost as much battling out of the ring as in it. Moquin hurled Vachon through the Forum ropes and to within a foot of where this reporter was sitting at ringside, shortly after the fray got underway. Vachon replied by utilizing a nearby chair to attack Larry with at the ringside, on the apron and in the ring for 17.00 minutes before Moquin was declared winner when Paul failed to beat the count returning from one of the many ringside sorties.

Claude St-Jean, 219, St. Lambert, Quebec, a cleancut youngster, was a popular winner over menacing Bob "Rebel" Russell, 235, Boston, Mass., veteran in the opener. The fast-moving St-Jean used reverse headlocks to hurl Russell around with. A fast body-press pinned the Bostonian after 7.01 minutes of crowd-pleasing action.

The fast-moving team of Ivan and Karl Kalmikoff, of Russia, overcame veterans Larry Moquin and Manuel Cortez, Montreal and Boston respectively in a Mont St. Louis feature. Losing the opening fall, the Kalmikoffs came surging back to take 2 straight from their opponents and wrap up a night of victory.

Cortez started his side off on the right foot when he powered Ivan Kalmikoff around the ring with elbow smashes, arm-locks and body-slams, weakening the surprised Russian and pinning him with a body press for a relatively easy opening fall win.

But Karl Kalmikoff recouped for the Russian team when he battered Cortez from rope to rope in a whirlwind display and evened it up by body-slamming the Bostonian to the mat and falling on him after about 7 minutes of grappling.

The Kalmikoffs shifted into high for the 3rd stanza, but Larry Moquin fought back well enough to force Karl out of the ring. Ivan took over for the Russians and he and Moquin had the ring rocking as they traded a series of body-slams. Moquin was then crashed into the ropes and Karl Kalmikoff, ever the opportunist, slammed Larry over the head with a chair from outside the ring and that was about it for the Montrealer. As he sank to the canvas, Moquin was pounced upon by Ivan for the deciding fall.

Weights for the Kalmikoffs were 231 and 235—Karl the heavier. Cortez tipped the beam at 220; Moquin scaled 225.

In the preliminaries: Paul Vachon, 240, big, strong, and a good prospect, looked impressive in throwing Bob Bedard, 225, while youngster Claude St. Jean, St. Lambert, Quebec, 219 pound flash, who is steadily improving, scored over Yvon Racicot, 218, Montreal. In the opening bout, Claude Gosselin and Johnny Barbarouso wrestled to a draw.

Ivan Kalmikoff, 231, disposed of Manuel Cortez, 220, winning the 1st and 3rd fall of their best 2 out of 3 match at Mont. St. Louis in a bout that saw the Russian operating without brother Karl for the first time in local mat circles.

Ivan took the first fall from his Boston foe with a bodypress after a series of elbow smashes had softened up Cortez, but the latter got even by using the same methods and he too utilized the bodypress to pin the Russian for the 2nd fall.

They really shot the works in the 3rd, but Kalmikoff outspeeded Cortez and scarcely stood still long enough for Manny to get a hold. As a tired Cortez began slowing down, Ivan came on with a series of spectacular body slams that knocked all the fight out of the Bostonian and left him in a limp heap on the canvas. It was a good win for the bearded Kalmikoff.

Prelims: Big Paul Vachon, 240 pound Montrealer, was back to the wars in a fast moving battle against Mexico's Greg Jarque, 218, and the heavily built Frenchman downed his man handily. Larry Moquin, 224, Montreal veteran, overcame rugged Tiger Tasker, 238, Boston in a fast-paced bout while stocky Eddie Auger, 225, Montreal and Yvon Racicot, 218, Montreal, drew and flashy Mark Lewin scored over Miguel Torres.

SOUTHERN WRESTLING NEWS
By Gene Gordon

Charlotte's Coliseum was the scene of a recent all-star wrestling card which drew 6,919 fans who saw probably the roughest bout seen here in many years. The main event was "The Texas Death Match" between Larry Hamilton and the Great Bolo vs. George Becker and Enrique Torres. An extra 300 ft. of rope interlaced between the regular ropes was used to keep the wrestlers

inside the ring. Two referees were used but the action was so fast and furious it didn't help much. There was no doubt about the winners as the teriffic combination of Becker and Torres took 15 of the 21 falls before Hamilton and the masked man finally submitted. At the end Bolo was lying exhausted inside the ring and his partner was stretched out flat on the concrete floor unable to move his tired body and had to be carried to the dressing room. Veteran referees Leo Voss and Cyclone Copely called it "the wildest match they ever handled." Becker and Torres are riding high as a tag team in this area and will be looking for a chance at the World's Tag Team Championship. They are anxious to prove their ability as a top team and issue a challenge to any other team anywhere around today.

Billy Cox, a pint sized stick of dynamite is a newcomer to the Carolinas who bears watching. He hails from Little Rock, Ark. Small in stature and with his cauliflower ear resembles a middleweight boxer more than a wrestler.

He makes up for what he lacks in size with his skill and all around ruggedness and determination. Billy was impressive against crafty Steve Bolus on the same program. Their battle was close and interesting all the way.

Ethel Johnson, girl wrestler took a win over Marva Scott with 2 straight falls. In a tag team bout Sandy and George Scott bested Duke Hoffman and Mike Paidousis while Karl Von Hess jumped popular Bob Boyer before the bell rang to start their bout. He won an unpopular decision that stirred the wrath of the large turnout.

Promoter Jim Crockett continues to bring new faces to the Carolinas. The latest being Joe (Tito) Kopa, Tony Angelo, John Foti and Billy Cox.

Mike Paidousis, rugged Greek wrestler is back in the area after a short tour of Japan. Burly Mike says he lost 18 pounds from the rice and fish diet.

Dick Steinborn has left the South and is now doing fine in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Tex Riley and Len Rossi are still a top team in Tennessee. Their latest victory was over the Greene Bros, Al and Don in Knoxville.

Promoter Nick Gulas and Ray Welch can boast of some of the top grapplers they have been booking in Birmingham. Pat O'Connor recently appeared on a program there and won a rough battle over capable Jackie Fargo. O'Connor also defended his title there previously winning a close verdict over highly rated Fred Blassie, Southern States Champion. A more recent card saw Fred Blassie and Karl Kowalski defeat Mike Clancy and Larry Chene.

Blassie and Kowalski have ridden roughshod over top competition recently and are looking for new fields to conquer. Jackie Fargo won the Southern Junior Heavyweight Championship from Jesse James in Mobile, Ala. Fargo holds a recent victory over the dreaded and much feared Japanese star Tor Yamato.

A girls' match in Birmingham between Cora Combs, pretty redhead and Shirley Dimple ended in a win for Miss Combs. Shirley is new to female wrestling but according to reports made a good showing against hot tempered Cora. A body slam won the bout for the fiery Miss Combs. New faces now showing in Alabama are Big Don Lee, Pancho Villa, and Mighty Jumbo, a 600 pound giant said to be one of the largest wrestlers in the world.

ALONG THE WRESTLING TRAIL
By Bette Kreiger

I constantly see attacks on the sport of wrestling, now it's all staged, etc., and my only thought at this moment is of all the broken bones accumulated over the years by mat stars. Pretty good staging when a promoter can get a wrestler to deliberately have his leg, neck, or you have it, broken by his opponent. Takes a little thinking, doesn't it?

This past year there were more broken limbs than can be imagined. While in South Carolina, Gypsy Joe Gonzales had his leg fractured in so many places that the medicos had to insert a silver bar in order to put the pieces back together. Recently Dr. Jerry Graham, while in the East, had his leg badly injured by Haystack Calhoun . . . thereby starting a wrestling feud.

Greg Jarque is back in action after recovering from a broken leg received at the hands of those toughies, Mike and Ben Sharpe, during their Eastern visit. The Sharpes termed the Eastern wrestlers a bunch of "panty waists".

A few years back, the trend in mat injuries, was broken necks . . . we recall, that Billy Darnell, Temple University graduate of Philadelphia, engaged in a match with Buddy (Nature Boy) Rogers, the pile driver that Rogers used that put fear in many of his opponents broke Darnell's neck.

Rogers is credited with injuring the neck of Al Kashey. He has since returned to the West Coast to join his famous Dad, Abe (King Kong) Kashey. Al made mat history as tag team partner of one of the famous West Coast father and son teams. . . . In Texas, the Great Scott was thrown from the ring, and received a fractured shoulder. Gene (Mr. America) Stanlee, substituted for Tony Rocca, who couldn't make a Madison Square Garden show a few years back and he met "Killer" Waldeck Kowalski, who was to have met Rocca. The result? a "Kowalski" special, the "back breaker" and bear hug, as only the Killer could put it on. Gene Stanlee was sent to the hospital for a slipped disk.

Battle scarred, Dangerous "Danny McShain" is another mat warrior, who could tell you of the breaks, fractures, and sprains he has had in his day of mat warfare.

Jerry Graham, and Johnny (Blonde Jet) Valentine, are now the tag team champions of the world, beating the two baby faced heroes of the mat, Mark Lewin, and Don Curtis.

Well, it happened again, they say, that history repeats itself, and it certainly has. "Little Zuma" has once again gone down in defeat at the feet of Rocca at Madison Square Garden. What happened to the bold statement that Zuma made? He would beat Rocca this time, as he was the victim of a very fast count in their Newark Armory meeting.

It's welcome back to former "Bronx Bad Boy" Rocky Colombo. In the early forties Rocky was a first class villain as he teamed up with the late Tarzan (Poodles) Hewit and George Lenninahan the mat toughie from Boston, Mass.

Bear Cat Wright, the 6 ft. 7 inch wrestler, certainly has won the hearts of fans wherever he wrestles. One of the nicest guys to ever hit the East Coast, from the Mid-West, and Mr. Al Haft territory, it looks as though big things are in store for the very pleasant and most personable Bearcat—already he has joined forces with Tony Rocca as tag team partner, friends of the Buckeye State (Ohio), will be glad to hear.

Thanks to Bob Kirsch, for his nice letter telling me that the match I had picked to be the dream match of the year was made a reality in the December issue of our favorite sport magazine, "RING." I nominated a possible bout between the Graham Brothers vs. Killer Kowalski and (Blonde Jet) Johnny Valentine as my "dream match." The bout took place at the White Plains County Center last summer. I had predicted it in December. It was also an upset and with Kowalski and Valentine losing to the Grahams.

The world Lady Champion, Moolah, called me long distance to let me know that she is now taking a little well earned vacation. It is a rule that girl wrestlers work at least six months a year, with three months for relaxation. She will be back in harness very soon.

We are very sorry to hear, that out Columbus way, Carol Holmes, one of the real loyal fan club presidents, whose honorary is Leon Graham, is departing from the fan club family and she has been selling her large collection of wrestlers photos, sorry Carol, we will miss you, and hope that you may come back

some day soon.

One of the hardest working clubs is the Jean Shulte club, heading the Jimmy Grabmire, and Buddy Rosen Chapter fan club. Buddy and Jim are very lucky to have as their president, Jean Schulte. . . . Alice Post, doing a great job not only with the Ohio Rally, of which she is on the committee, but the fan club she heads for the Nature boy.

Jackie Sanderson, the Bobby Managoff club prexy, out Indiana way, is hoping real hard that her honorary the great Bobby Managoff will change his mind about retiring. We hope so to Jackie.

THE STATE OF VIRGINIA

Wrestling had a new start in Richmond, Va., recently when the Virginia Sports Promotions, Inc., started a new territory in Virginia with all new wrestler to the area. They also opened up some of the biggest cities in the state that had never had wrestling matches before. A few of these places are Hampton, Petersburg, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Richmond, and many others too numerous to mention. These cities are drawing record crowds all thru the state of Virginia.

Some of the new wrestlers in the area are the Elephant Boy, Chief Little Eagle, who is tag partner of Chief Big Heart, who recently drew a record crowd in New York, when they wrestled the Graham Bros. Also in the state comes the two Blonde Bombers, Pretty Boy Collins, and Golden Boy Dupree, who have really been giving the wrestling fan something to talk about. Scotty Williams of Hampton, Va., Phil Melby of Arizona, The Masked Medic, Jan Madrid, Rene Rascon, Dr. Lee Chung, Vagabond Joe Russi, and many others of the top wrestlers are in the area and state of Va.

Some of the Mat Results are as follows; Pretty Boy Collins–beat Chief Little Eagle, Golden Boy Dupree–beat Rocky Lee, Chief Little Eagle–beat Joe Russi, Elephant Boy–Beat Pat Clancy, Joe Russi–beat Rene Rascon, Pretty Boy Collins–beat Phil Melby, Golden Boy Dupree–beat Jan Madrid, The Medic–beat Rocky Lee, Chief Little Eagle–beat Jan Madrid, Joe Romero–beat Dr. Lee Chung, Scotty Williams–beat The Medic, Elephant Boy–beat Rocky Lee, Pretty Boy Collins–beat Scotty Williams. In the Women's Division; Mary Jane Mull–beat Mae Young, Jackie Wison–beat Barbara Baker, Barbara Baker–beat Mary Ellerson, Mary Jane Mull–beat Barbara Baker.

WRESTLING IN THE SOUTHWEST
By Peg Colwell

A flip of a coin determined the wrestling style between Chief Round Table and Taro (the Claw) Myaki. Tails came up . . . first and third falls to be Judo Jacket, the second, catch-as-catch can. Myaki took the first Judo fall in 15 minutes with his claw hold. Time ran out in the catch-as-catch-can fall and it was declared a draw.

Pat O'Connor put his new belt on the line with Myaki. First fall went to Myaki in 11:22 with his controversial "Claw". . . . O'Connor bounced back to secure the second with his well placed knee drops and body press. The third fall action took place in the aisle. Referee Ray Durin, being the only man in the ring, counted them both out and put the "No Contest" stamp on the match and O'Connor retained his crown.

"Wildman" Nick Roberts got a bit of taming down in Albuquerque by Luis Hernandez. Luis took the "Wildman" for an airplane spin and the Battle Royal purse which was at stake. Roberts evidently left the area for easier prey.

Hernandez holds the Texas Hvywt. belt and has been dubbed the "gentleman wrestler" by his many fans . . . particularly the younger females.

Juan Garcia and Chief Round Table kept their regional tag title over Danny (Bulldog) Plechas and Bob Orton. Plechas used a rolling headlock to pin Garcia for the first fall. Garcia took the second with an abdominal stretch on Bob Orton. Plechas tossed Round Table over the top rope, with the ensuing automatic disqualification for the contenders.

Interesting and different, was the match which pitted Lord Clayton Littlebrook and partner Millie Stafford against Bull Brummell and partner Dot Dotson. Brummell took the first fall over Littlebrook with a body press. Second and third falls were taken by Littlebrook with a series of drop kicks and body press. While the midgets were in the ring at the time of the falls, their female partners had their share of wrestling.

To round out the card, Myaki got two straight falls over Juan Garcia with the claw hold, and once again the fans set up a howl as to the legality of it. Danny Plechas and Luis Hernandez went the full hour time limit without a fall in a very hard gruelling match.

Attention: Fans of the Rocky Mountain-Southwest Area:

Many of you have expressed your opinions as to wrestlers and referees, and it is amazing to see how varied the favorites. With the cooperation of several promoters and matchmakers in the entire area, we want to find the most popular wrestler and (of all things) your favorite referee. Send your votes and comments to me:

Peg Colwell, P. O. Box 822, Albuquerque, New Mexico, or to the address you will find in your programs. In case I've overlooked some particular local area, please send me the name and address of your promoter or matchmaker.

Antone 'Ripper' Leone, one of the world's most hated wrestlers was stabbed in the back by one of the local populace in Pampa, Texas. Fortunately he was not seriously injured . . . he took care of the situation . . . all by himself!

A newcomer to the mat world is Rocky Ford of St. Louis, Missouri. He is a protege of Wild Bill Longson, former world heavyweight champion.

Cowboy Bob Ellis is increasing his popularity in the midwest . . . and going great in wrestling.

MR. WRESTLING
By Texas Bob Utter

Perhaps Champion Pat O'Connor should build a monument to a 3-inch piece of pencil that someone threw into the ring during his match with Pepper Gomez at the City Auditorium in Houston. The pencil saved O'Connor's title.

Pat took the first fall with a rolling jack knife but the Los Angeles pepper pot bounced back to annex second honors with an airplane spin. While the champion was being whirled into defeat with the same hold during the third session, some wild-eyed fan tossed the pencil into the ring directly under Gomez' feet causing the Latin-American star to fall flat on his back with Patrick on top. It stunned Gomez long enough for O'Connor to be proclaimed the winner.

Preliminary action saw Bull Curry go over Dangerous Danny McShane; Nick Kozak defeated Maurice Vachon; Duke Keomuka drew with Dick Beyer; Cyclone Anaya went over Jack Laskin and Tokyo Rose, a 500 pound bear, sat on Tiger Conway to win the opener.

Gomez earned the right to meet O'Connor by winning an elimination tournament staged by Promoter Morris Sigel.

Pepper defeated Mike di Biase and then trounced Jack Laskin. Gomez then defeated Vachon and in the finals won over Mr. Moto. A total of 12 men wrestled in the one night tournament.

Another big match won by the Mexican idol during the month saw him go over Taro Myaki. Gomez won the second fall with a claw hold in 10 minutes. The Jap was unable to come out for the third and deciding frame. Myaki had captured the opening session with the same hold.

Preliminary bouts during the month in Houston saw Yaqui Bravo go over Tony Barbetta; Nick Kozak and Leo Garibaldi drew; Di Biasi downed Mr.

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QUERIES ANSWERED BY NAT FLEISCHER

COLIN McMILLAN, PORT ARTHUR, ONT. CANADA

Q—My friend says Virgil Akins won the right to the world welterweight title by knocking out Isaac Logart. I claim it was the knockout over Vince Martinez. Who is correct?

A—*Colin, you are correct. The kayo was scored over Martinez.*

MARTIN HASSELWIRTH, MONTREAL, CAN.

Q—Where can I purchase your book, **"Fifty Years at the Ringside"**, which was mentioned by Gene Ward in the New York Daily News, in which he states that it is your autobiography?

A.—*The book, published by Fleet Publishing Co., may be purchased from The Ring Bookshop or any other book store. All leading book stores have it on sale.*

ARTIE FLETCHER, NORFOLK, VA.

Q—Was there ever a world champion who got his start in the Navy or Marines?

A—*Yes, Jack Sharkey, Johnny Buff, Ken Overlin (New York State backing). Many others were top fighters though they never won world titles.*

SAMUEL SONNENBERG, CHICAGO, ILL.

Q—Are members of the Olympic team chosen by the Amateur Athletic Union?

A—*They are selected by a special Olympic boxing committee whose members are either from the AAU or from the Intercollegiate Association.*

MANUEL QUESEDA, TAMPA, FLA.

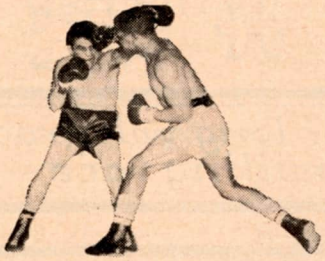
Q—Was Ceferino Garcia ever accepted as a world middleweight champion?

A—*No. He was recognized only by New York. When he knocked out Fred Apostoli in New York, the bout was advertised as for the world title since New York accepted Apostoli as the wearer of the crown. When he knocked out Glen Lee in the Philippines, with Jack Dempsey, the referee, that also was advertised as a world title bout. Ken Overlin later beat him in New York and Ken received New York recognition.*

JOHN CURTAIN, CHICAGO, ILL.

Q—What is the nationality of Jess Willard? Also that of James J. Jeffries?

A—*Willard is American, western born. Parents were of English descent. Jeffries' father was born in Scotland.*



His mother was of Pioneer Pennsylvania Dutch descent. The combination makes Jeffries Scotch-Dutch-American.

SAMUEL GILPIN, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Q—Are there fight pictures of the Jeffries-Johnson and Corbett-Fitzsimmons fights available?

A—*I never saw the Jeffries-Johnson pictures which the US government confiscated. The Corbett-Fitzsimmons film was taken in 35 mm, and the only copy I know of belongs to Fitzsimmons' son who loaned it to a person who removed the knockout and knockdown sections thus ruining the film.*

ROBERT TOTZ, MERIDAN, CONN.

Q—In the November issue if The Ring you list the ratings as they were in 1924. What was the weight of the junior welter division and junior lightweight at that time?

Were the other divisions the same weights as they are today? Was the number one man the champion in your ratings? If not, who was?

A—*The Junior welterweight limit was 140 pounds and junior lightweight 130 pounds. The weight limits at the time that our first ratings were issued were as folliws: Junior flyweight, 109; flyweight, 112; Junior Bantamweight, 115; Bantamweight, 118; Featherweight, 126; Junior Lightweight, 130; Lightweight, 135; Junior Welterweight, 140; Welterweight, 147; Middleweight, 160; Light Heavyweight, 175; Heavyweight, all beyond that weight. Thus the weights in the divisions today which are internationally advertised are the same as those back when our first ranking of boxing in The Ring.*

ERNEST DANIELS, LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Q—How many times was Joe Louis downed both in title and non-title fights?

A—*Louis was dropped ten times during his pro career, by Buddy Baer, once; Max Schmeling ,twice; Tony Galento, once; Jimmy Braddock, once, Rocky Marciano, twice and Jersey Joe Walcott three times.*

W. J. STONEMAN, GARDENA, CALIF.

Q—Is there any record available on a "Seaman Brewer" who was the heavyweight champion of Great Britain the early part of the century? He was my first cousin.

A—*There was a Seaman Brewer fighting in England between 1907 and 1910 but he was not a heavyweight. He was a featherweight (9 stone 2 pounds) and held the Navy championship. There is no complete record available but he fought often at the Wonderland arena in London and among his bouts were the following:*

He defeated Seaman Lake in six in 1910; beat Young Joseph, a welter in 1909 in 6; beat Charlie Knock, welter, in 1908 in 6 and again in six the following year.

RONALD B. HERMAN, MONTREAL, QUE.

Q—In reading an account of the Patterson-Harris fight, the report stated that Harris suffered a knockdown, got to his feet before ten, then sank to the canvas and the referee started to count again beginning with one. How come? I thought when that happens, the count continues from where it originally ended.

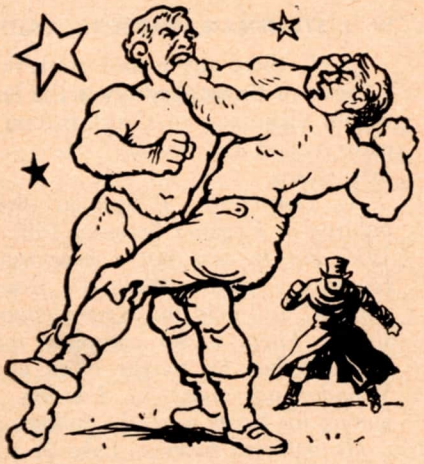
A—*No such thing happened in the fight. I don't recall any time that Harris went down without being hit and the referee doing as you state. If a fighter gets to his feet before ten and immediately drops to the canvas again, the referee always continues the original count.*

A/C FRANK SMORCH, USA., APO 238, N. Y., N. Y.

Q—In a recent discussion the question of the "poisoned orange" episode in Philadelphia came up. Some of the boys said that Floyd Patterson had made the charge and that his first loss was caused by that. I say it was Harold Johnson? Who is correct?

A—*You are. Harold Johnson made the statement that he had been poisoned by eating an orange given to him before his fight with Julio Maderos. Patterson's first loss was to Joey Maxim on a disputed decision.*

"Their deeds of valour long will grace The pugilistic page,
These heroes of the milling race — In a succeeding age."



MILLING of the Olden Time

MAR. 2, 1761

Bill Stevens gave in to George Meggs after 17 minutes. This fiasco was described as *"a disgraceful affair"* – Meggs was backed by the notorious Jack Slack, conqueror of the noble Broughton.

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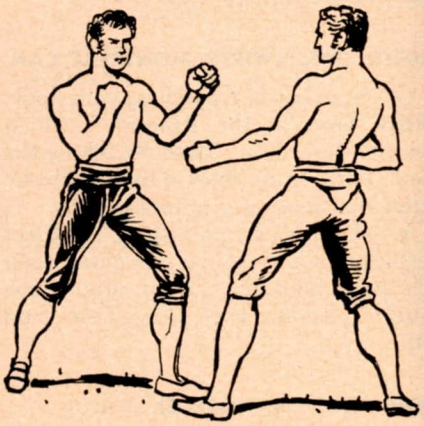
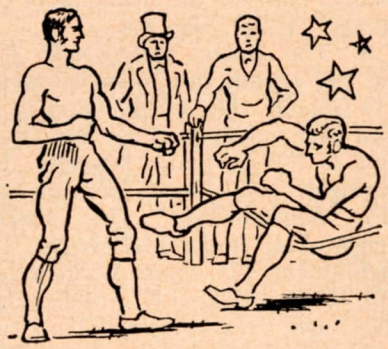


MAR. 11, 1805

HEN PEARCE *"the Game Chicken"* easily disposed of Elias Spray – *the coppersmith* – 29 ROUNDS (35 MINUTES) – *Molesworth Meadow* –

MAR. 15, 1831

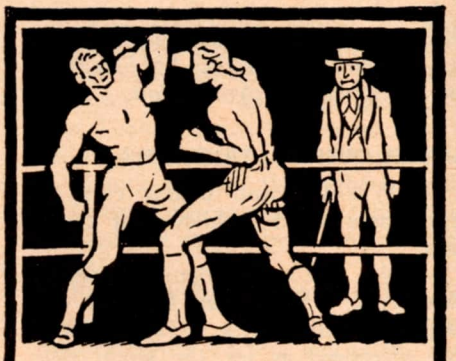
Tom Gaynor *"the Bath Carpenter"* outlasted Ned Neale, *"the Streatham Youth"* in 45 BITTERLY contested rounds – *Warfield, in Berkshire* –



MAR. 16, 1819

Thomas Hickman – *"the Gas Man"* – 'retained all his blaze', beating Peter Crawley *"Young Rump Steak"* – in a short, though fierce fight, lasting 13 and ½ minutes (13 rounds).

... Moulsey Hurst ...

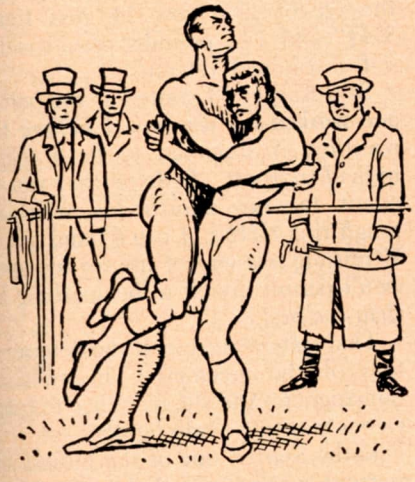


MAR. 21, 1791

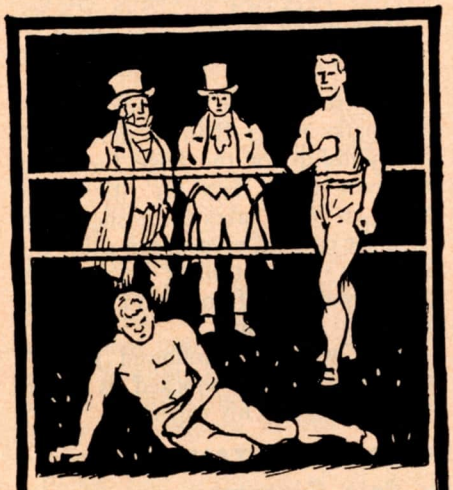
Hardy old Tom Faulkner (55 *years of age*) – *"an evergreen of amazing sap and pith"* – beat Thornhill *"the Warwickshire bruiser"* – 50 MINUTES of extremely severe fighting – *Studley, in Warwickshire*

MAR. 25, 1770
BILL DARTS
CONQUERED
"DEATH"
--otherwise known as
Stephen Oliver--
...Putney...

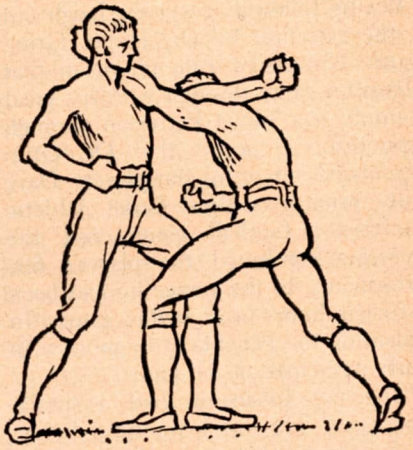
WALTER GALLI



MAR. 26, 1817
Harry Holt, "the Cicero of the Ring," won over Jack O'Donnell
17 ROUNDS
...near Hounslow Heath...



MAR. 28, 1820
JACK MARTIN,
~"the Master of the Rolls"~ defeated "iron-hitting Cabbage"
... 75 ROUNDS ...
Farnham Royal, near Stowe



MAR. 31, 1775
JOE HOOD
met and vanquished
Dennis Kellyhorn-
"a famous Irish bruiser."
...Chingford Hatch, Essex...

POPE'S ACTION ON BOXING, AUTO RACING, ASTONISHES

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the Italian people and the Catholic Church generally, the end of the Catholic Youth Organization's international boxing program is in sight.

On January 10, the head of the Catholic Church asked that Italy's Roman Catholics shun what were described as dangerous sports, particularly contact sports such as boxing and auto racing. It was announced that Pope John XXIII at a special gathering to be convened by him at the Synod for the Diocese of Rome, would ask that all Catholics avoid direct participation in risky sports and even attendances at such.

Though it was said that the Catholic Church would not issue an order and that Pope John XXIII would merely make this a request, usually such a request is accepted as an order and if it goes into effect, boxing will receive another severe setback.

The Catholic Youth Organization in America furnishes many of the star amateurs for the Golden Gloves tournaments and from its organization have sprung some of the outstanding professionals, among them Tony Zale who is now an instructor for the Chicago group.

Packey McFarland was chief of staff years ago when Cardinal Stretz appointed him. The Church in the U. S. has been a supporter of boxing in the Youth movement for many years and there is no likelihood that the action in Rome will meet with whole-hearted support from its executives in our country unless it is an order from The Pope.

SWEDE HYPNOTIZED FLOYD? YES, WITH HIS RIGHT!

Boxing followers got a big laugh out of the assertion by Dr. Huber Grim, Seattle University team physician that Johansson came through with his great triumph over Floyd Patterson through hypnotism. It seems that Dr. Grim hypnotized one of his star players, Dave Mills, prior to a West Coast Athletic Conference football game, and the Physician attributed the player's fine performance to the trance he had been in for six hours prior to the game. In explaining the benefits of hypnotism in sports participation, he said:

"Ingemar Johansson had a similar experience. He was hypnotized before his fight with Patterson. While under hypnosis, he was told he would throw his right hand when there was an opening and before he was consciously aware of it. That's why after the fight he was unable to say that he had spotted the opening before he threw the punch that knocked Patterson down the first time. It was so fast, they had to stop the movies of the fight frame-by-frame afterwards to see it."

Undoubtedly Dr. Grim referred to the statement attributed to a physician friend of Johnansson who spent several days with the Swede before the fight to "provide psychological stimulation that would bring him up for the bout at a mental peak."

But that stimulation had no association with hypnotism. Johansson in his press interviews declared: "I saw the opening I was expecting and quickly let go my right".

The only one who seemed to be under an hypnotic spell was Patterson. Ingemar's first right was responsible.

"I didn't see it coming," said Floyd. "It came up suddenly. But I'll see it next time."

When Melio Bettina fought Billy Conn in 1939, Manager Griffo, a hypnotist, told the world how Melio would win through Hypnotism, but when the bout ended, Billy Conn was the world light heavyweight king.

JORDAN FORGOT TO CHECK ON THOMPSON'S RECORD

The recent knockout of Don Jordan by Frederico Thompson in the fourth round of their non-title bout in Buenos Aires should be a lesson to both fighters and managers. Too frequently we find a top fighter accepting a match with one who normally is regarded in boxing as "unknown".

The welterweight champion, and his manager figured they had a sucker when they accepted the fight with Thompson. Had they studied the record of this boy for 1959 they would have found that he had won six fights in a row against good South American competition, three of them by knockouts. He won a twelve round decision over Cirilo Gil for the Argentian welterweight championship.

It doesn't pay to pick on so-called easy marks rather than to defend the championship for the huge sums that are given these days for title bouts. When an upset takes place such as in the above contest, excuses run wild. But in Jordan's case it must be admitted that he was out of condition when he fought in Argentina.

Those who have followed Jordan's career were not as shocked as others less cognizant of his capers.

BOXING IN UTAH

By Pete Giacoma

THE NEW YEAR GOT UNDER WAY WITH THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF BY-MONTHLY SHOWS to be staged in the beautiful new West Jordan Gym. In the main bout undefeated LaMar Clark, 182, of Cedar City scored his 44th straight win and his 43rd straight kayo when he blasted ex-wrestler Kooey Garcia, 222, into a helpless state in 1:45 seconds. The kayo tied LaMar with Billy Fox with the longest consecutive kayo streak. Fox however scored his over a better class of foes.

In the co-feature veteran Milo Savage was too ringwise for Nathan Ish of Phoenix, Arizona, and gained the six round verdict. In another six Bill Murray, of Richmond, Calif., won from Andrew Richards of Cedar City in a close one. In four's, Marv Jensen two newest proteges were unveiled and both turned in quick, one round triumphs. Claude Hudson of Terre Haute, Ind., over Wayne Atkinson of Salt Lake City and Don Adamson of Indianapolis over Charley Morris of Salt Lake.

THE MAT WORLD

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Moto; Danny McShane defeated George Curtis; Bravo over Prince Maiava; Pepper Gomez and Cyclone Anaya over Keomuka and Mr. Moto; Mike diBiasi over Danny McShane for the Texas Brass Knucks crown.

Sportatorium, Dallas, Tex., Ed McLemore, Promoter:

The big match of the month saw Duke Keomuka and Mr. Moto win over the duo of Pepper Gomez and Enrique Guzman before a sellout crowd at the Sportatorium in a scrap promoted by Ed McLemore.

Cyclone Anaya won by disqualification over Mike di Biase in another headliner while Mr. Moto scored over Billy Strong. Danny McShane defeated Enrique Guzman with Jack Laskin and Prince Maiava going to a draw.

A six-man wrestle royal saw Danny McShane pocket $500 by being the last man in the ring at the final bell. Di Biase, Gomez, Silento Rodriquez, Bad Boy Hines and Tony Barbetta were featured with McShane.

Champion Pat O'Connor, who defeated Mike di Biase by winning the second and third falls of a thrilling bout at the Sportatorium, found the going much easier in this bout than he did two weeks prior when the best he could get out of di Biase was a stalemate.

KATHY STARR

By Bob Leonard

Kathy Starr had her first professional wrestling match in Phoenix, Arizona at the age of 17. Now 24, pert Kathy, 5'4½" and 142 pounds, considers herself a seasoned veteran.

Says Kathy: *"I started at the bottom and worked my way up. I believe that wrestling is supposed to be a rugged individual sport. Perhaps that can account for my unorthodox style and rough ring tactics. I can't stand a sissy. Wrestling is a way of life for me and I won't permit myself to be anything less than the best."*

That statement reveals the determination of the green-eyed, brown-haired campaigner. And the reference to rough tactics was not made lightly.

Kathy Starr is one of the busiest and craftiest women wrestlers active today. She will use virtually any method to gain an advantage in the ring. Kathy's favorite maneuvers are the body slam and the airplane spin. She uses them to perfection.

By nature a very athletic girl, Kathy is interested in many other sports, especially swimming, water skiing, hiking and horseback riding.

RATINGS

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Jimmy Brown won from Peter Cobblish, 8. Rudy Smith and Len Austin drew, 6. Terry Flores stopped Mighty Bargan, 4. Pedro Miranda stopped Alberto Bisbe, 3. Curtis Cokes stopped Amen Peck, 5.

Dick Turner whipped Charley Little, 6. Bill Murray won from Andrew Richards, 6. Moses Cooper and Tony Noriega drew, 6. Cooper then stopped Ted Banica, 2. Rafael Gutierrez defeated Alton Allen, 6. Harold Sculley defeated Willie Westbrook, 6.

Jorge Fernandez kayoed Francisco Ciucci, 3. Jimmy Archer kayoed Roland Norman, 1. Moses Cooper beat Ray Simon, 8. Billy Collins kayoed Lloyd Wilson, 1.

Earl Bastings defeated Larry Mercer, 6. Ritchie Stewart stopped Kenny Perry, 4.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

European champion Mario Vecchiatto defeated Guizani Rezgui, 10.

Mauro Vazquez kayoed Lupe Garcia, 4. Auburn Copeland outscored Roberto Garcia, 10.

Sauveur Benamou won the French title beating Fernand Nollet, 15. Fred Galiana whipped Victor Pepeder, 10. Alex Arenas defeated Cosme Maldonado, 10. Angel Garcia defeated Jorge Quintero, 10.

Roberto Cruz defeated Paulito Escarlan, 10. Jean Sneyers defeated Edouard Ptak, 10. Felix Lienuo stopped Carlos Arregui, 8. Leo Alonzo decisioned Sammy Borja, 10. Jesus Mejia beat Tony Lopez, 12. Valentin Rangel whipped Roberto Pinon, 10.

Jackie Donnelly stopped Al Tisi, 9. Carlos Rios beat Paulino Araujo, 10. Cisco Kid kayoed Roberto Ortega, 4. Billy Kelly bested Ron Hinson, 8. Adolfo Olguin kayoed Lino Kid, 2, but lost to Raul Reyes, 10.

Byron Hollingsworth defeated Leo Molloy, 8. Henry Salcedo won from Chuck Whittaker, 8. Jethro Cason won over J. D. Ellis, 10. Johnny Palmer upset Sid Adams, 8. Johnny Bizzarro stopped Billy Lowery, 3. Joey Donovan defeated Julio Santiago, 8. Freddie Cozart kayoed Hector Rodriguez, 3.

Ray Copeland whipped John Gates, 6. Vic Diamond won over Tito Galvan, 6. Emilio Flores won from Dick Kirby, 6.

Billy Braggs stopped Eddie Whitaker, 3. Al Medrano defeated Sonny Burris, 6. Earl Owens scored over Joe Melito, 6. Eddie Perkins scored over Larry Boardman, 10. Jackie Donnelly outpointed Dick DiVeronica, 10. Manuel Alvarez defeated Miguel Pendola, 10, and Cesar Farias, 10.

Mercer Smith halted Al Scalzo, 3. Jimmy Brown won from Ritchie Grassley, 6. Fred Martinovich kayoed Hurricane Carter, 2.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Sergio Caprari whipped Ahcene Attar, 10, and Roger Prigent, 10. Kazuo Takayama stopped Hiroji Ishabashi, 6.

Ricardo Gonzalez returned to action and drew with lightweight Carlos Estrada, 10. Alfredo Bunetta kayoed Segundo Frias, 7, and Jose Casas, 6.

Kid Anahuac whipped Perro Hernandez, 10. Sebastiao Nascimento defeated Oripes dos Santos, 10. Eloy Henry and Sergio Gomez drew, 10.

Manolo Garcia stopped Andre Valignat, 4, but lost to Bobby Ros on a disqualification, 9. Jose Luis Martinez defeated Johnny Sarduy, 10. Jimmy Carson defeated Con Mount Bassey, 8.

Jules Touan stopped Antonie Martin, 6. Ray Zamora upset bantam Manuel Armenteros, 10. George Judge stopped Kenny Thomas, 5.

Ricardo Jofre upset Americo Bonetti, 10, then drew with Nicolino Loche, 10. Aldo Gamboa kayoed Roberto Palavecino, 8. Jerry Morales whipped Nick Haywood, 6.

Billy Thomas upset Danny Valdez, 12. Raul Reyes kayoed Rosendo Martinez, 4. Pelon Cervantes outpointed Billy Thomas, 10.

Johnny Shaw kayoed Lauro Garcia, 9. Chilo Barranco won from Jose Reyes, 10. Bobby Gray kayoed Arab Junior, 1, and drew with Army Wonder Boy, 10. Lauro Garcia stopped Babe Tampico, 3.

Johnny Kidd stopped Johnny Howard, 6. Howard Winstone bested Billy Calvert, 8. Joey Shaw stopped George Reiter, 6.

Alberto Soto whipped Mario Diaz, 10. Mario had beaten Victor Adame, 8, while Alberto kayoed Juanito Sanchez, 9. Isarel Napoles drew with Cruz Avello, 6. Tony Sanchez beat Raton Vargas, 10.

Stanley Wilson kayoed Roy Best, 3. Pablo Caripides decisioned Ray Estepa, 6. Willie Woods stopped Morris Duran, 4. Spider Walker stopped Ed Edwards, 2.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World Champion Joe Becerra kayoed Hector Ceballos, 3 (non-title).

Kenji Yonekuri won the Orient title outpointing Leo Espinosa, 12.

Hector Hicks stopped Killer Solomon, 3. Boots Monroe won from Baby Brown, 10. Eloy Sanchez upset flyweight Joe Medel, 10.

Manuel Armenteros was upset by featherweight Ray Zamora, 10. Marcing David stopped Villeza Villar, 7. E. T. B. Sanong kayoed Shokichi Yasaud, 3. Benny Casing defeated Billy Peacock, 10.

Orlando Reyes defeated Huesito Gonzalez, 10. Guillero Tellez whipped Torito Mota, 10. Tacuba Hernandez beat Ray Martinez, 10. Johnny Morrissey bested Hugh Riley, 8. Javier Garfias defeated Oscar Suarez, 10.

Chucho Tello bested Ernesto Castaneda, 8. Angel Boy kayoed Baby Carlos, 7. Sal Hernandez stopped Abel Paredes, 4. Ward Yee was stopped by flyweight Hiram Bacallao, 2. Johnny Devison stopped Bobby Shaughnessy, 8.

Kiki Casanova stopped Victor Recio, 6, and drew with Pedro Ortiz, 10. Chucho Hernandez stopped Ignacio Perez, 7. Elysee Castre defeated Robert Tartari, 10. Chiquis Rosales bested Johnny Shaw, 10.

Cain Rogero defeated Monito Luna, 10. Jorge Salazar whipped Chocolate Rodriguez, 10. Kid San Martin won from Gustavo Alonso, 10. Raul Leanos and Ramon Sarmiento drew, 10.

Jesus Moron beat Bernardo Perez, 10. Carlos Hernandez scored over Valentin Mendoza, 10, Chuy Guerrero, 112, and Enrique Alvarez, 10. Glauco Ferreiro defeated Jose Diaz, 6. Arturo Vazquez halted Lupe Lopez, 8. Tuntun Torres beat Enrique Moreno, 10.

Frank Silva kayoed Pollero Garcia, 9. Garcia beat Brazo de Ore, 10. Alberto Martinez stopped Huracan Mazatleco, 1. Jose Galvan defeated Ismael Gutierrez, 8.

Sergio Palacios kayoed Chuy Rodriguez, 3. Jorge Alatorre whipped Cubanito Gonzalez, 10. Percy Redman whipped Roy Thoiky, 6.

Roberto Castro defeated Andres Mino, 10. E. T. B. Sanong kayoed Kenji Inagaki, 2. Jose Smecca defeated Angel Bustos, 10.

FLYWEIGHTS

Sadao Yaoita outpointed Chernachai Lukmatulee, 10.

Dommy Ursua kayoed Abe Villa, 4.

Joe Medel lost to bantamweight Eloy Sanchez, 10. Hiram Bacallao kayoed bantam Ward Yee, 2.

Young Martin halted Jose Ogazon, 10. Japanese champion Atsuto Fukumoto retained his title beating Shigeru Ito, 10. Sal Becerril defeated Cuervo Salinas, 10.

Italian champion Salvatore Burruni retained his title beating Giacomo Spano, 12. Jackie Brown won over John Agwu, 8. Rene Libeer won the French title outboxing Jean Guerard, 15. Jupiter Mansilla kayoed Jose Lanza, 7.

Derek Lloyd won over Eddie Baaraclough, 8. Pedro Ortiz drew with bantam Kiki Casanova, 10. Osito Galvan decisioned Nicolas Flores, 10. Ray Ruiz outpointed Pulga Serrano, 10. Mario Miranda kayoed Alfonso Tinajero, 5.

Edmundo Esparza whipped Fidel Alfaro, 10. Jose Santos kayoed Victor Aguilar, 5. Felix Padilla defeated Pajarito Ortega, 8.

Beto Romero kayoed Bernardino Martinez, 4. Luis Jimenez stopped Luis Lujano, 4. Jose Luis Dominguez defeated Roman Rodriguez, 6.

WAS WELSH PROTECTED?

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Welsh slipped to his hands and knees and staggered around, almost falling through the ropes. The knockout came 1 minute 15 seconds after the opening of the ninth round. Welsh was out for almost a minute.

Freddy was urged to retire. But on what? He had not saved his money, and he had not fought through any Golden Age in boxing. However, Welsh went into a ring only five more times, finishing up against Archie Walker in Brooklyn on April 15, 1922. Freddy was whipped in that final ten rounder.

Pollok kept screaming about losing the title without a ten count. But this was one passing of a title which left no clamor for a return match. Leonard had demonstrated that the sun of Freddy Welsh had set.

"The old guy went down like a real champion," said Leonard after the fight. *"That's the way I want to go when it comes my turn.*

"However, let me say this. If I find myself slipping I won't stay in the ring to take any shellackings.

"As for the holler that Welsh was not knocked out, my first right in the ninth round knocked him silly.

"I was surprised when Welsh failed to stay down for nine. But, veteran though he was, he lost his head. After that, he kept fighting by instinct. I doubt if he knew what he was doing.

"Had he been allowed to revive on his own, without help from his handlers, he would have been out for an hour."

That it was going to be a tough night for Welsh became evident in the first round. This was Leonard's, all the way. In the second Benny had the champion covering up.

If Leonard had not been overeager, he might have ended the fight as early as the fourth round. Freddy went to his corner groggy.

Benny had far more speed. He hit harder, he had youth and condition. And even in science, he conceded nothing to the clever Briton.

What is the Ring Detective's verdict on the fight? Well, it was fought on its merits. But the existence of an arrangement between Pollok and Gibson cannot be shoveled aside as an impossibility.

The Detective knew Pollok and he knew Gibson. Pollok was fully aware of Leonard's tremendous title potential, and he was no less cognizant of the fact that Welsh, at 31, not taking care of himself, could be knocked out.

Pollok was not likely to risk his meal ticket, and loss of the championship, in a fight which could draw $15,000, at most.

As a consequence, the existence of an understanding between the two managers must be considered very seriously.

Of course, there is the likelihood that Pollok realized that Welsh had reached the end of the line. But Harry was not one to give up while the meal ticket still had quite a few punches left in it.

Rather does the round by round story spawn the inference that the fight got out of Leonard's control from the very start, and that the 21 year old could not have carried Freddy even if Benny had been aware of any pact.

Next the Ring Detective will look into the two fights between Welsh and Ad Wolgast, in 1914 and 1916, both of which had odd windups.

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Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

ALTHOUGH no longer identified with the sock market, Emil Lence, who promoted for several years (1947-55) at the Eastern Parkway Arena in Brooklyn and made a one-shot return in 1957 to front for the Floyd Patterson-Tommy (Blown-Out Hurricane) Jackson at the Polo Grounds, hasn't forgotten his old crowd.

Still operating a flourishing women's dress business, Lence also has become a successful proprietor of a chain of bowling emporia in the metropolitan area. Currently, he has three busy pin parlors functioning—one in Manhattan, another in Brooklyn, and a third in Woodhaven—and his weekly payroll lists the names of quite an assortment of past and present members of the fight industry.

Vinnie Cerola, Joe Arata and Paul Marino, three members of Lence's "executive staff" at the Eastern Parkway, are, respectively, general manager, night floor boss and trouble-shooter at the Manhattan Lanes.

Ex-featherweight Carmelo Costa, who did much of his early fighting at the Parkway, is a pin mechanic in Brooklyn.

Pete Cara, one-time lightweight, is night floor manager at Woodhaven.

Joe LoScalzo, former boxer and currently a New York State referee, is part-time manager at Woodhaven, where Jimmy Rose, another ex-fighter, is head bartender.

Harold Valan and Joe Lobianco, two other former ring sters and now referees, also are doing well with the organization. Valan handles the towel concessions at all three establishments, while Lobianco is wine steward.

Vic Marsillo, also associated with Lence at the Parkway, is a sort of roving ambassador of good will and in charge of radio and TV deals.

Continuing to expand his bowling operations, Lence will open another pin foundry in Jersey City this summer, and is arranging to have Fight Announcer Johnny Addie double as manager of the new place and general public relations man for the entire organization.

THESE AND THOSE.

The ageless Jimmy (Bow-Tie) Bronson has been named matchmaker for Roy Cohn's newly-organized Feature Sports, Inc., which is nursing fond hopes of promoting the Ingemar Johansson-Floyd Patterson rematch.

Bronson has had a long, colorful career in this industry. His early years were spent in Joplin, Mo., as boxer, manager, promoter and referee. During World War I he refereed in most of the important boxing tournaments staged by the American forces in Europe. Returning to the United States as manager of Bob Martin, A.E.F. heavyweight champion, Bronson established headquarters in New York and has operated out of here ever since. Through the years he has managed a score of headline fighters, was one of Gene Tunney's seconds in the two Dempsey episodes, promoted at the Coliseum in the Bronx and Ebbets Field in Brooklyn and of late has been associated with Ned Brown in public relations.

What could be an embarrassing precedent was established recently when the Ghana Professional Boxers Welfare Association in British West Africa voted "No Confidence" in the Ghana Boxing Board of Control and called for its dissolution.

Another old-timer has had the final count droned over him. Joe Levy, 79 when he died in Los Angeles, managed Joe Rivers when the Mexican was among the world's top featherweights and lightweights nearly a half-century ago. Levy also handled Earl Puryear for a while early in the clever Denver bantam's career, and later he did well with Jack Lawler, rugged Omaha 130-pounder. During the '20s Joe was matchmaker for the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles and also did a stint as promoter in Portland, Oregon.

ANENT JIM COFFEY.

The news of Jim Coffey's passing in Ireland at the age of 68 brought back vivid recollections of one of the dizziest chapters in American ring annals. It was the weird "White Hope Era," when a wild scramble was on to find a heavyweight to whip Jack Johnson.

Coffey was one of the "Hopes." A husky 'un, measuring 6 feet, 1 inch in altitude, and scaling a solid 210 pounds, Jim was working as a motorman on the old Third Avenue street car line when he was prevailed upon to try his luck in the ring.

The Third Avenue outfit was loaded with Irishmen, and since Coffey himself hailed from the Ould Sod, he had an enthusiastic following from the start. It got so that the Third Avenue line practically suspended business the nights that Jim fought.

Coffey became a tremendous attraction at all the New York clubs, and any time he was billed for a Madison Square Garden appearance it invariably meant that the "Standing Room Only" sign was hung out early.

Jim wasn't much of a boxer, but he was strong, durable and a hefty puncher. Managed by Billy Gibson, who later piloted Benny Leonard and Gene Tunney to world titles, the Irishman piled up an impressive string of knockouts during the years of 1912, '13, '14 and early '15. Among those he flattened were Al Benedict, Larry Williams, Tim Logan, Fred McKay, Gunboat Smith, George (Boer) Rodel, Whitey Allen, Tony Ross, Jim Flynn, Terry Keller, Jack Twin Sullivan, Arthur Pelky and Al Reich.

Jess Willard, meanwhile, had taken the heavyweight title from Johnson in Havana, and Coffey's rabid followers began howling for the new champion to meet the Roscommon Giant, as Jim was dubbed.

Frank Moran, the Pittsburgh blond, had just returned from a European campaign. He and Coffey were matched for the Garden late in 1915, and it was understood that Willard would meet the winner.

The Garden was jam-packed to the rafters that night—and Moran proceeded to uncover a real shocker by knocking Coffey out in the third round.

Coffey's cohorts wouldn't believe what they saw. It

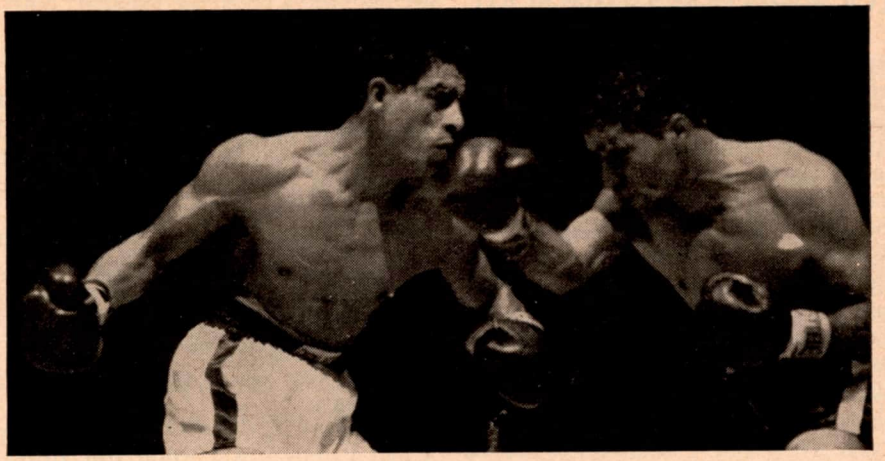
must have been an accident. A clamor went up for a return match, and it was arranged for early in '16. The result was the same, although Coffey managed to last until the ninth round this time before Moran finished him.

Those two crushing reverses finished Coffey's title ambitions. He continued to fight for another couple of years with indifferent success and eventually quit the ring in 1918.

Success story. . . . Those Hollywood script writers, who delight in picturing ex-fighters as punch-drunk stumblebums, would do well to check into the story of Al Thompson, a Cincinnati lightweight of four decades ago.

Thompson was a busy campaigner, good enough to step along with the likes of Joe Benjamin, Harry Kid Brown, Cal Delaney and others of that calibre. During World War I, he served as chief boxing instructor at the Parris Island, S. C., boot camp of the U. S. Marines before he went overseas with the 11th Regiment. After the war, Thompson did most of his fighting in and around Philadelphia.

Al Thompson now? As Alfred C. Thompson, he's a top department store executive with Miller & Rhoads, Inc., of Richmond, Va., and at its annual convention in New York a few weeks ago he was elected president of the National Retail Merchants Association, a trade group embracing some 11,500 department, specialty and chain stores throughout the United States, and another 300 branches scattered all over the world. Last year the association reported fantastic gross business of 20 BILLION dollars!



Gaspar Ortega (left) and Stan Harrington slugging it out in furious welterweight battle in Madison Square Garden. Ortega won decision in ten rounds but many of the onlookers felt that Harrington, from Honolulu and fighting his first bout in New York and on national TV, deserved at least a draw.

THE month's results:

Away from ring warfare for a year, popular club-fighting Jimmy Archer, 147, Bronx, celebrated his return by edging out Bobby Bartels, 144½, Astoria, in a lively ten at Academy of Music. Not too sure of himself after his lengthy layoff, Archer started slowly and was out boxed during the early rounds, but he gradually warmed up to the job and out hustled Bartels during the second half of the bout. It was a close affair and the split decision in Archer's favor was influenced by a disputed knockdown in the final round. Archer clipped Bartels with a sweeping left hook to the chin. As Bobby, off-balance, slipped to the canvas he pulled Archer down with him. Both boys scrambled to their feet almost immediately but Referee Barney Smith credited Archer with a knockdown. The usual quota of Puerto Ricans appeared in supporting numbers. Two were winners, Pablo Lopez, 132, outpointing Cecil Barbosa, 134, West Side, in six and Al Avellez, 190, outfighting Howie Davis, 189¾, Glen Cove, in four. A loser was Gerade Clemente, 135, beaten by Johnny Bing, 137, Jamaica, in four. In other fours, Johnny Allman, 156, Jamaica, L. I., won from Jimmy McNair, 159, West Side, and Julie Jamison, 150, Wappingers Falls, N. Y., decisioned Jimmy Dorsey, 148¼, Yorkville. The second best turnout since the Academy opened for business two months before accounted for 1,359 clients and a gross gate of $3,409.68. It was the last show carded for the East 14th Street arena until after the Christmas-New Year's holidays.

▶For its final show of 1959, Madison Square Garden came up with a stunning upset, unrated Benny Paret, 149½, Cuba, trouncing the No. 1 welterweight title contender, Charley Scott, 149, in a sizzling ten which teemed all the way with action. Undaunted by his rival's reputation, Paret swarmed all over Scott, crowding him into corners and against the ropes, outboxing him at long range and outpunching him in close. By way of adding insult to injury, the Cuban, supposedly a light puncher, dropped Scott flat on his back with a whistling right to the chin in the last round. The Philadelphian survived the knockdown and was fighting back desperately at the bell, but he was a well-beaten and thoroughly disillusioned title contender when the fight ended. In two other tens, the Canadian middleweight champion, Wilfie Greaves, 160½, Edmonton, was too industrious and durable for Phil Moyer, 156¼, Portland, Ore., and Irish Eddie Jordan, 144, Brooklyn, was too shifty for aggressive Walter Byars, 145¾, Boston. In preliminary fours, Dennis Kelly, 152¼, West Side drew with Juan Irizarry, 153, Puerto Rico, and Wallace Roberts, 148, Atlanta, Ga., won from Dan Turner, 149, Cincinnati.

▶In a commendable effort to encourage young talent, Madison Square Garden unloaded nearly a ton of beef and brawn on its New Year's Night program. The result was considerable fumbling and floundering with little more than vague hope for the future. In the main event, scheduled for ten rounds, Tom McNeeley, Jr., 196, Boston, was credited with a knockout when George Logan, 202, Boise, Ida., was not permitted to go out for the fifth round because of a couple of nasty gashes over his eyes. McNeeley scored a clean knockdown in the opening session but aside from that there was little to choose between two earnest but crude lads doing the best they could with limited equipment. In the semi-final ten, another Bostonian, Lee Williams, 208, failed to make full use of a 26-pound pull in the weights and was lucky to get a draw with Don Warner, 182, Philadelphia, in a dull, mauling affair. Plenty of slam-bang, if clumsy, action was supplied in the opening ten when a third Bostonian, Billy Ryan, 172, edged out rough and tumble Bartoli Soni, 176½, Dominican Republic. In fours, Babe Simmons, 171, Bronx, outpointed Johnny Ray, 168½, Harlem, and Wilfredo Avalez, 183½, Puerto Rico, drew with Don Smyer, 182¾, Passaic, N. J.

▶Well on his way to establishing some sort of record for winning and losing disputed decisions, Gaspar Ortego, 147¾, Mexico, had another entry added to his list when the officials favored him over Stan Harrington, 147½, Honolulu, after ten bristling rounds in Madison Square Garden. Many of the witnesses felt that Harrington, appearing for the first time in New York and on national TV, deserved at least a draw. The Hawaiian showed himself to be an aggressive "club fighter" and a short, snappy puncher, particularly with a left hook. He had better of the early going, several times jolting rugged, durable Ortega, but he seemed to tire in the closing rounds and the Mexican, with his slap-dash flurries, finished the stronger. It was a furious brawl all the way and the disputed decision in all probability meant a return match. The up-and-coming Virgin Islander, Emile Griffith, 146½, now operating out of the West Side, continued his rapid advance by whipping Bobby Pena, 150, Mexico, in the semi-final ten. The opening section of the triple windup produced a unanimous decision for Doug Jones, 174, Harlem, over veteran neighborhood rival, Clarence Floyd, 173. A pair of Puerto Ricans were beaten in Preliminary fours, Frank Alevera, 150, losing to Harold Richardson, 147½, Harlem, and Tony Lazu, 147, getting knocked out at 1:30 of the first by Jackie Weiner, 142, East Side.

▶Back in action after an absence of seven months, Joey Donovan, 139, Astoria, had a rough time squeezing through to a split decision over Julio Santiago, 133½, Puerto Rico, in a slow eight at the Academy of Music. As a short-notice substitute for ailing Eddie Armstrong, and giving away 5½ pounds to his opponent, Santiago came through with a much better showing than was generally expected. In fact, one of the officials, Judge Joe Agnello, thought the Puerto Rican had done well enough to earn a draw, but he was outvoted by the other judge, Bill Forst, and the referee, Harold Valan, who tabbed for Donovan. The decision gave the Astorian his 21st win in 22 starts. Another likely youngster, Obdulio Nunez, 155½, Puerto Rico, made it nine wins in ten outings by whipping Larry Jones, 151, West Side, in the semi-final eight. Two of the preliminary bouts ended in fourth-round knockouts, Tony Antonucci, 154½, Astoria, stopping Jimmy Dorsey, 150, West Side, at 2:02, and Tommy Bruno, 155¾, East Side, polishing off Lamar Hayes, 159¾, Fayetteville, N. C., at 1:47. In other fours, Joey Mangiapane, 142½, Corona, outpointed Tito Galvan, 141, Bronx, and Carl Miner, 163, Harlem, decisioned Johnny Allman, 158, West Side. The first fight card at the Academy since the Christmas-New Year's holidays attracted 1,380 customers and a gross gate of $3,153.35.

▶With big physical advantages—some five inches in height, the same in reach and 8¾ pounds in weight—rangy, free-swinging Victor Zalazar, 159¾, Argentina, was much too much for plodding Tony Dupas, 151, New Orleans, in an unspectacular ten at the Academy of Music. Dupas, brother of high-ranking welterweight Ralph Dupas, was showing in New York for the first time but the tough physical handicap gave him little chance to display anything bt ruggedness and durability. Tony absorbed lusty punishment but was still on his feet at the finish. Puerto Ricans again were conspicuous in supporting bouts. One of them Jose Gonzales, 150, grabbed a decision from Julie Jamison, 145, Wappinger Falls, N. Y., in the semi-final six. A pair of islanders, Rickie Ortiz, 146½, and Lupe Leyro, 147, had it out in one of the fours, Ortiz taking the decision. A fourth Puerto Rican, Kid Petito, 124, was a loser in another four, dropping the verdict to Angel Colencito, 124, West Side. In remaining fours, Bobby McLaurin, 135, West Side, outpointed a neighborhood rival, Lionel Butler, 134, and Don Turner, another West Sider, whipped Wilbur Washington, 156¼, Harlem. Miserable weather was largely responsible for the poorest turnout reported in eleven non-TV'd cards offered at the Academy since it became a fight center this season. The clients numbered 910 and the gross receipts $1,639.

LOOKING FOR A TITLE BOUT

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fers living in the country, has a warm and friendly nature.

He enjoys walking in the rain, likes dogs, favors Oriental food and sea food, never has been in an accident, appreciates receiving company, is deeply touched by watching sad movies.

Billy Hunter has no trade aside from boxing, belongs to no clubs, doesn't gamble—merely plays cards for small stakes, has never hated an opponent, doesn't own a pet, likes to travel by plane, speaks no foreign language. He likes to train hard, enjoys doing roadwork, visiting the zoo and attending concerts. He is, as you can see, a simple, yet complex young man.

"*Among my other forms of recreation,*" supplements Billy, whose father George works in an automobile plant, "*are dancing and skating and boating. Yes, and I find relaxation in stopping at hotels when I'm away from home—though I miss my wife. I also pass time watching television and seeing movies. But I still miss my wife.*"

Reminded of his having eased up on Tony Anthony when he had him dazed and reeling, and admonished that sympathy has no place in the ring, Billy smiles ruefully and declares in cultured but serious tones: "*That will not happen again, really. Though I'm merciful by nature, I'm fully aware that in order to succeed in the ring a fighter must regard his opponent as a mortal enemy, someone to be destroyed—in pugilistic fashion, of course. I know it's the swashbuckling type fighter—the killer, as he's generally referred to—who attracst the fans and is regarded with awe and admiration and, eventually, becomes wealthy. Well,*" he sighs, "*watch my ringwork from now on.*"

Okay, Billy Hunter—the fans will be watching you.

WELSH TERRIERS

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tion as Harry Crossley, Jack Pattifer, Charley Smith, Reggie Meen, Ben Foord of South Africa, Larry Gains of Canada and George Cook of Australia, but had disposed of such strong European continentals as Hans Schonrath and Ernst Guhring.

The handsome, 23-year-old, 6 foot-1½ inch, 182-pound Welshman was being lined up for an American tour when the German veteran, Walter Neusel, was brought to London to serve as another victim on the sacrificial altar of Petersen's high-pressured ballyhoo.

Despite Neusel's advantages in height, reach, weight and ring experience, Petersen was expected to win. Only a few months previously, the German, flabby, slow and listless, was lucky to earn a draw with Len Harvey in London, and on the basis of that performance he was figured to be a comparatively soft touch for Petersen.

Neusel jammed up the advance calculations, however, by getting himself into superb condition, and he unloaded a stunning shock by outlasting the Welshman and stopping him in the eleventh round.

Not satisfied with the result, Petersen demanded a return match and was accommodated a few months later, again in London. This time Neusel required one round less for the job, a battered, bleeding Petersen retiring after ten savage rounds.

The crushing defeats by Neusel eliminated Petersen as a world title threat. Jack kept fighting for another couple of years, but eventually called it a career when Neusel halted him for the third time in London, once more in ten rounds.

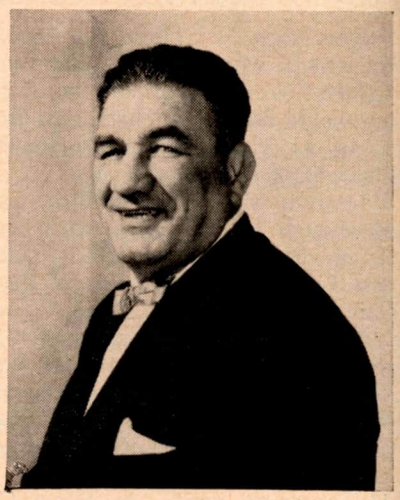
Since the close of World War II, two Welshmen have had cracks at world titles, but neither succeeded in scaling the championship heights. In 1946, lightweight Ronnie James was accommodated by the American, Ike Williams, in Cardiff. James, a brilliant mechanic at his peak, was now a fading veteran. Lacking the youth and stamina to hold off the savage-punching champion, Ronnie was stopped in nine rounds.

Then, in 1957, Dai Dower journeyed all the way to the Argentine in an effort to wrest the flyweight title from Pascual Perez. The tiny Welshman didn't get much of an opportunity to display his speed and skill. The bout had hardly started when Perez turned loose a blistering attack and Dower's championship hopes were exploded in less than a round.

Among the better Welsh ringmen in recent years were welterweights Cliff Curvis and Eddie Thomas, mentioned earlier in this dissertation. Both boys became British, Empire and European champions during the early '50s.

Of the current Welsh representatives, probably the best known are heavyweights Joe Erskine of Cardiff and Dick Richardson of Newport. The results of their ring activities have been appearing too regularly in news dispatches of late to warrant any detailed observations here. Neither Erskine nor Richardson probably ever will be a serious contender for the world title, but both rate among the best of Europe's big 'uns.

It is nearly a decade since Britain last boasted a world champion and that one, middleweight Randy Turpin, reigned for only two months in 1951. Of the current headliners, none seems capable of scaling the championship heights. Nothing springs more eternal, however, than the optimism of a British fight fan. He long since learned to shrug off disappointment and look around for something new to rekindle hopes for the future. At the moment there are a dozen or so promising youngsters beginning to attract attention in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, and four of those youngesters are the Welsh quartet of Phil Jones, Brian Curvis, Johnny Thomas and Howard Winstone. These kids are well worth tabbing for the not too distant future.



BILLY KOHUT

The above photo shows a smiling but hard-looking hombre. Actually Billy Kohut is quite the contrary. The veteran of about 175 battles is kind and courteous, soft-spoken an intelligent—a wholesome chap.

Son of a government employe who, at 90, is still working—now as a political lawyer—Billy was born in 1907. He started studying the violin at seven but lost interest after 3 years. "*At the age of nine I weighed 265 pounds,*" informs Kohut. "*Nine months of exercising at the YMHA brought me down to 109—and I also developed into a fair wrestler. But I preferred boxing.*"

By falsifying his age at 13, Billy entered the amateurs, competing as a featherweight—still attending High School. He won 21 of 23 bouts, 16 by knockouts.

At 15, by faking his age again, Kohut turned pro. A year later, without abandoning his ring career, he organized a 12-piece orchestra that played the Keith circuit for 2 years. "*But I chucked it to apply all my energies to boxing,*" informs Billy.

He fought such ringmen as: former middleweight champ Ben Jeby, Harry Ebbets, Jack McVey, Izzy Glove, Enzo Fiermonte, KO Phil Kaplan and other noted scrappers. Kohut retired in 1932.

"*In 1930,*" he recounts, "*I obtained a good part in the show Diamond Lil, starring the inimitable Mae West, staying with it until it closed.*" A year later *Billy was again cast in a Mae West stage.*

FIX AND COUNTER FIX

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tionship is correct. Incidentally, Julian was Fitz's manager back in 1896 when Wyatt Earp refereed the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey fight in San Francisco. Earp climbed into the ring that night with his Buntline Special tied down, and later gave the fight to Sharkey on a foul. That's quite a story in itself which we won't go into here.

Julian was a pleasant man who liked to talk boxing. I had been a fight fan since 1899 when my father took me to Tuckahoe, New York, to see the bantamweight championship fight between Terry McGovern and Pedlar Palmer, the British bantam king. It wasn't much of a fight. "Terrible Terry" belted Palmer out in a little over a minute of the first round, and the English champ took the next boat home to Merrie Old England where he would be safe from any McGoverns.

Our mutual interest in boxing was the seed that blossomed into friendship, and there were frequent fan fests between shows with Julian doing the festing while I did the listening. At times I interjected questions when I thought he was running out of gas.

It was only natural that the upcoming Jeffries-Johnson bout got into our two-act. The first time I asked for his expert opinion on the outcome, he said, *"Hock your furniture and put the money on Jeffries. He's going to win. It's in the bag."*

Having repeated this story many times since then, I can quote him almost verbatim.

"I know that Jeff is in no condition to fight," continued Julian. *"Nobody can come back after laying off for five years. He not only has a lot of fat around his belly, but he has fat around his kidneys, and all the training in the world can't get that off without weakening him.*

"Legs are important in a fight, and no man whose legs are in shape has to push himself up from a sitting position with his arms and hands. But Jeff's condition won't make any difference in this set-up."

Mike Murphy, trainer at the University of Pennsylvania, verified all this, when he looked Jeffries over and sent out a report that Jeff was not right and would be beaten. Incidentally, as far as I know, the only sports writers who picked Johnson to win were Rube Goldberg and "Tad" Dorgan.

Julian continued his monologue with, *"I don't think Jeffries would try a comeback if he thought he could lose. He may not be in on the deal but he must have an inkling of what's going on. As I got it, Johnson is to get $90,000 for laying down. That's more money than he thinks is in the world. And, besides, he gets a cut of the movies, and 25% as the loser. It all 'mounts to a lot of money."*

A few days before the fight Julian asked me if I had put any money on Jeffries. When I told him that I never bet on fights he said, *"Good. The fix is off. Johnson sent word to Jeffries that the deal is off and that he's going to fight. Johnson must've figured out, or somebody figured it out for him, that he could make more than $90,000 by keeping the championship."*

After Johnson had knocked Jeffries out in fifteen rounds of what was a one man massacre, I asked Julian what had happened.

"I told you it was a fix, and it was," replied Julian, *"but Johnson double-crossed the fixers. The only good thing Johnson did was to change the purse split from 75-25 to 60-40 so Jeff would get an extra 15% as the loser. In the shape Jeff was in, Johnson could have flattened him with a couple of punches, but he was acting under orders to give the suckers a run for their money."*

Asked about cartoonist Bob Edgren's claim that somebody had slipped a mickey into Jeffries' tea, Julian sneered, *"That's a laugh. Why should anyone spike his tea? Everybody in his camp knew the fix was off, and that Jeff was in no shape to win. What kind of condition can a man get into by just going fishing?*

"Let's go over the details of this thing. As you know, the fight was to be held in San Francisco, and the arena was nearly finished when Governor Gillette threw the scrap out of California. The talk was that the reformers got busy and had the fight stopped. That wasn't it at all.

"What happened was that George Little, Johnson's manager, had a fight with Johnson, went to Gillette and split the beans. That was the real reason why the fight was thrown out of California.

"The Governor didn't want any fake fights pulled off in his State. The reformers might have had something to do with it, but it was Little's tipoff that clinched it."

"The fight was then moved across the State line to Reno, Nevada, where the authorities weren't so fussy. By the way, if you see the movies of the fight, take a good look at Jeffries' legs when he's introduced. He can hardly stand up, and the muscles in his legs quiver like a kootch dancer. I guess he knew what was coming."

"In his prime I think that Jeff would've flattened Johnson. His superior punching power and stamina would've been too much for Johnson."

Julian knew what he was talking about. However, you are the jury, and the verdict is in your hands.

HAMMERIN' HANK

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the tables on his foe and win tha verdict after twelve furious rounds. Although their second fight drew $8,000.00 less than the $20,000.00 drawn in their first match, the victory which gained Hank a place in The RING ratings was payment enough.

Two weeks later Henry was back with a win over George Benton. Then came time for another big decision. Hank had fought his way to the top level of his division, although he still had not earned a National Television fight which in this day and age is the zenith of a Pugilist's career. He was a ranking fighter who was a local attraction in both Detroit and New Orleans and who was enjoying a banner year and now he was offered a fight with Jesse Bowdry of St. Louis.

Not only was Bowdry a light heavyweight whom he would have to spot ten or more pounds, but Bowdry was as potent a puncher as Hank had yet to face. The date was December 7th. *"As good a date as any if this was to be my 'Pearl Harbor'"*, declared the Detroiter. But it was far from a disaster, at least not for Hank, who handed Bowdry a terrific licking and stopped him in the tenth round.

With fifty fights behind him, Hank has lost only ten, has drawn once and recorded twenty-seven knockouts, more than half coming in the first three rounds. A busy workman whose crowd pleasing style has made a hit wherever he has fought, Hank is now looking to the day that he can buy a home for his wife and five children.

His marriage was a love at first sight. He and his wife Vivian quit high school to get married. They met for the first time while swimming at the local Community Center.

How would he feel about one of his four sons, Kenneth 6, Joseph Jr. 5, Gram 4, and Tony 20 months taking up boxing?

"It would be up to them," he says, *"I would not try to force them to make a decision. I do hope the money I earn in the fight game and which I am investing in Real Estate, will provide a college education for not only the boys, but little Vivian my three year old girl as well."*

"Right now I am looking forward to my rematch with Bowdry which will be my first national Television showing. I am sure I can do as well as in our first fight and establish myself as a name fighter in the eyes of the public."

This is a big fight not only for Hank but as he puts it, *"For my kids, as they are repeatedly asked by their friends, 'How come if your dad is such a good fighter, we don't see him on TV.'"*

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS
By Les Muller

▶ **Johannesburg.**—34-year-old Tony Lombard was beaten in his comeback fight by inexperienced Mac Murphy, over six rounds. This was Lombard's first fight in three years, and again proved "that they never come back". **Other results were: Middleweight:** Kid Rafferty beat George Sequera on a 1st round K.O. Joe Vermaak beat Mike Robertson points 4, Middleweights. Wynand Saunders beat Cecil Castleman T.K.O. 2, Middleweights. Steve Fleischman beat Jan du Plessis points four rounds in a featherweight fight.

▶ **Johannesburg.**—Mike Holt, national light-heavyweight title-holder, scored a good win over Californian Sixto Rodriquez over ten rounds at the Rand Stadium. Sixto's left hand won him the first five rounds, but from then on it was all Holt. Rodriquez was warned many times for various infringements, which could have cost him the decision. Holt was more aggressive, with Rodriquez employing back pedalling tactics. In a main supporting bout, Gawie De klerk retained his national heavyweight title by completely outclassing a game Davie Hamman. The referee stopped the fight in the 12th and final round, Hamman had taken a good licking. **Other results were:** Middleweight. Hansie Beukes beat Toetie Munnik T.K.O. 4. Welterweight: Jan Botes beat Ivan Kruger points 4. Welterweight: Johnny Watson beat Rocky Shane points 4. Lightweight: Ken Watson beat Sam Stewart points 4.

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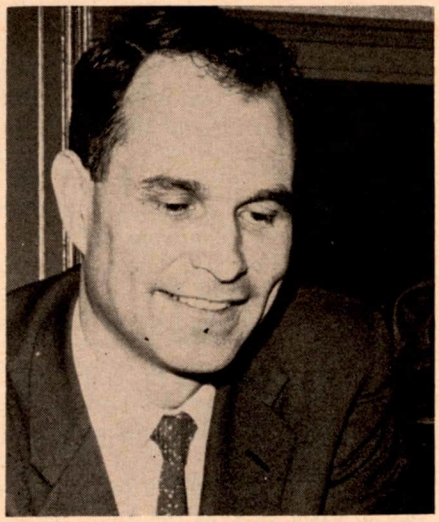


GERALD "JERRY" HUSTON

ONE of the newest and most aggressive boxing promoters in New England is 31-year-old Gerald "Jerry" Huston of New Bedford, who has blossomed from an 8-year-old amateur in the smokers, through the Simon Pures, pros, then as manager, matchmaker and now promoter.

Huston heads the newly organized New Bedford Boxing Club and his goal is the revival of professional boxing in the Whaling City and in Southeastern New England.

"*We are now building from the bottom up and one of our basic fundamentals has been the smoker of amateur ring shows*," Huston said in outlining his plans for the future growth of the sport back to a high point where it once flourished in Greater New Bedford and surrounding areas.

One of the greatest boxing towns in the country back in the Roaring 20s with such great ring names as Chick Suggs, Panama Al Brown, Frankie Britt, Al Shubert, and Charley Manty, the city of New Bedford is ripe for good pro boxing and the 31-year-old Huston feels he is the man to lead the renaissance.

"*Already we have made progress and scores of kids from Greater New Bedford are working out daily or nightly in at least two gyms, the Hathaway Athletic Club and the New Bedford YMCA*," Huston reveals. "*When they have had enough experience and when they are ready we plan to provide them the opportunities to turn professional on local all new-talent shows in New Bedford*," he continued.

"*We plan to operate in Woodrow Wilson Hall in New Bedford's South End until a more centrally-located arena can be secured*," Huston points out.

Lack of a centrally-located arena since the destruction of fire by the old Bristol Arena, or Elm Rink, in downtown New Bedford more than a dozen years ago, has been the prime reason for the failure of boxing to return more rapidly.

Huston got his groundwork in boxing from the experts in New England boxing, from men like Boston promoter Sam Silverman, who had New Bedford as one of the links in his chain-store boxing of a half-dozen and more years ago; Rip Valenti, manager of former world welter champ Tony DeMarco; Johnny Buckley, pilot of former world heavyweight king Jack Sharkey, and Nuno Cam, Boston matchmaker.

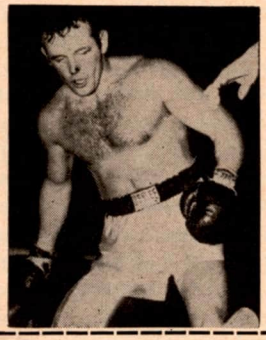
Today Huston wants to branch out in the promotional field with the pros even though his heart is still back with the amateurs. He was largely responsible for keeping the Regional Golden Gloves Tournament going in New Bedford at a time when it appeared as though they were going to give up.

Jerry was born in Fairhaven, Mass., just across the Acushmet River from New Bedford but was educated in New Bedford Vocational High School. He was only 8 years old when the boxing bug hit him and as a 100-pounder he fought in numerous smokers.

He turned pro under the management of Al Cormier, veteran New Bedford ring figure, and had fought four bouts, winning all of them. That was in 1944.

Later he joined the Marines, doing a four-year hitch and boxing whenever the opportunity arose. Back in civilian life he organized the Hathaway Athletic Club with some of his buddies and boxing became one of its strongest promotions. The Regional Golden Gloves was one of the projects and as it turned out the amateurs furnished some outstanding talent for the pros the very first year. Two of the Simon Pures of the 1959 Gloves are already main-bouters with the pros in Boston and Providence.

"*Boxing is on its way back to the top and we're going to help put it there*," Huston insists.



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RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

CHALK DOWN THE NAME GEORGE BARNES ALONGSIDE OTHER FREAKS of the fight game. George, Empire welter champion, was reckoned to be washed-up some time ago. He turned in several indifferent performances. But on December 7, at Sydney Stadium, George fought better than he has done for many years. He was right back to his best form and on that night would have beaten any fighter he ever fought other than Freddie Dawson. George was dynamite. He had everything.

The fight? He was defending his Empire title against fellow Australian BILLY TODD, against whom he had a hard fight to hold his title by a points decision last August. This time, however, George was in charge from the first punch. He was devastating and knocked out Todd in the sixth round.

ALLEN WILLIAMS has come to the end of the trail. At Sydney Stadium on November 30, he defended his title for the tenth time, his third title defense in 45 days, but any resemblance between Allen Williams, the Australian heavyweight champion of former fights, and Allen Williams of the November 30 affair, was in name only. Allen was pathetic and lost his title by a third-round KO to STEVE RADULY, who now becomes dual champion, light-heavyweight and heavy.

Australian middleweight champion, CLIVE STEWART, fought his number one contender, BILLY STANLEY, at the Brisbane Festival Hall on November 27, in an overweight bout. Stanley was doing all right until he allowed Clive to get to close quarters. Stewart weakened Stanley, finally knocking him out in the seventh round.

The following week in Brisbane, GARY COWBURN continued his unbeaten record by knocking out Italian importation, GIORGIO PAPPALARDO in two rounds. Cowburn looks like being the next Australian lightweight champion.

At the Melbourne Festival Hall on the same night, Israeli lightweight DAVID OVED outpointed Italian importation NEDO STAMPI in a colourless fight.

On December 14 at Sydney Stadium, Australian bantam champion JOHNNY JARRETT, unable to get opponents in his own division or even in the featherweight class, built up his weight to 126 and fought lightweight NEDO STAMPI. Johnny knocked out the Italian in the ninth round.

WALLY TAYLOR, Australian featherweight champion, lost his unbeaten record when he was outpointed by German counterpart, WILLI QUATTOUR, at the Brisbane Festival Hall on December 19. Quattour was on the deck twice, but won a points decision.

BRIAN SHEEHAN won the N.S.W. State welter title when he stopped BILLY BARNES (a brother of George) in the fifth round at Sydney Stadium on November 23. Billy suffered a broken jaw and referee Vic Patrick halted the fight. It was tough luck for Barnes.

In Perth on December 14, STEVE ZORANICH, number two contender for the Australian heavyweight title, was too big and too strong (over 20 pounds difference in weight) for CARLO MARCHINI. Zoranich knocked out Marchini in the fifth round.

ALDO PRAVISANI outpointed JOHNNY BUTTERWORTH at the Melbourne Festival Hall on December 4—a lightweight match. Lightweight BOBBY LIDDLE outpointed welter KEITH LEWIS over twelve rounds at the Melbourne Festival Hall on December 11. December was an active month for champions.

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

ACTIVITY WAS SLIM IN THE NEW ENGLAND STATES DURING DECEMBER with two shows being held in the Bay State and one in Connecticut. In one of the Massachusetts shows, an eight rounder, Nick Previti, promising Boston lightweight, racked up his 17th win in 18 bouts, by gaining a unanimous decision over Frankie Madison of New York, at the swank University Club.

▶Boston fans—6633 of them—were given a preview of the coming middleweight title duel between Sugar Ray Robinson and Brookline's Paul Pender when the pair appeared on the same show. Robinson's temper spoiled his chances of getting a workout at the expense of Bob Young, New England lightheavyweight champion from Providence. Young, realizing his golden opportunity stunned Robinson at the outset of the first round. Ired by Young's rashness, Robie dropped him four times before Referee Eddie Bradley stopped the bout in the second round.

Pender's victory was less spectacular. He methodically outboxed Gene Hamilton of New York, kept him off balance with a left jab, and jolted him with precision combinations. A couple of times it appeared that Hamilton was on the verge of being knocked out but each time Pender eased up and satisfied himself with a ten round workout.

Three other ten rounders rounded out the all-star card. Tommy Tibbs, New England lightweight king, successfully defended his crown from the challenges of Nick Previti of Boston. Tibbs landed with thudding left hooks to Previti's body and was the aggressor throughout the fight to gain the unanimous decision.

Joe DeNucci of Newton gained a unanimous decision over Eddie Connors of Sharon, in a slow, plodding bout that was highlighted by DeNucci's surging ahead in the final two rounds to cinch the win. Lee Williams, New England heavyweight titlist, scored his most important victory to date in his short career by gaining a split decision over Bert Whitehurst, Baltimore veteran.

MICHIGAN FISTIC HEADLINES
By Jack Waina

THE BIG "D" BOXING CLUB which promoted three shows last year in the black will begin promoting regular shows again before this copy hits print. For the first show, a fifteen rounder will send Gene Gresham and Charley "Tiger" Smith battling for the state welterweight title. Gresham is already the state 135 pound champion.

With the Motor City Gym closed down, the Big "D" now operates out of its own gym at 4253 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

▶Hammerin' Henry Hank, a durable and wicked punching Detroit middleweight, stepped out of his division and spotted weight to ranking lightheavy Jesse Bowdry at New Orleans. The result, another tenth round KO over the St. Louis biffer this time.

▶Kenny Lane, of Muskegon, a lightweight contender now taking a fling at welterweights, stopped Ray Lancaster in three rounds at Minneapolis . . . Rugged Wilfie Greaves made a winning start at Madison Square Garden over Phil Moyer in a ten.

NEWS FROM TORONTO CANADA
by Jacques Tachauer

With George Chuvalo inactive over the festive season, there has been no boxing in the Queen City with exception of the weekly amateur cards held at the Palace Pier. It's hoped Chuvalo will be matched with a well rated heavy early in the New Year.

Now that the Canadian Light Heavy title is vacant due to the retirement of Yvon Durelle, Toronto's Gordon Baldwin is hoping to be counted in on an elimination tournament to find a successor to the crown. Having done all his pro fighting as a heavyweight, Baldwin has now trained down to the 175 pound class, and if given the chance he may well wind up ruling the division.

Charley Pavlis, who came to Toronto from Hungary and is now living in the U. S., is having no success in American rings. He has been stopped by Jerry Luedee and Ted Doncaster and was recently trounced by Willie Pastrano. Pavlis turned pro here after having engaged in a number of amateur bouts at the Palace Pier. Other graduates of the Pier include George Chuvalo, Peter Schmidt, Bob McEwan, Tommy Pillish and Fernand Chretien.

CLEVELAND NEWS
By Harold Walsh

Sonny Liston, stopped Willi Besmanoff of Germany in seven rounds in the headline event of Ed. Bang's, 34th annual Cleveland News Toyshop Fund at the Cleveland Arena on December 9. Liston, coming in at 210 and Willi at 201, gave the fans a rugged bout but Liston had far too much class and referee Mike Minnich stopped the bout when Eddie Metrie was unable to stop the bleeding in cuts over the German heavyweights eyes. The show drew 7,710 with a gate of $27,897.50.

Other results were:

Solomon Boysaw, 135½, Cleveland, defeated Candy McFarland, 140½, Philadelphia, 10 rounds.

Cecil Shorts, 147, Cleveland, knocked out Antonio Marcilla, 143½, Argentina, at 1:25 of 6th round of scheduled 8.

Pete Rademacher, 200, Columbus, Ga., defeated Johnny York, 208, Norristown, Pa., 8 rounds.

Tony Hughes, 208, Cleveland, defeated Johnny Hobart, 198, Youngstown, 6 rounds.

Gene Jackson, 202, Cleveland, decisioned Henry Hall, 204, Milwaukee, 4 rounds.

Tony Christy, 134, Pittsburgh, decisioned Dick Craft, 137, Canton, 4 rounds.

The boxing game is in the throes of a revival in Northern Ohio with Golden Glove tournaments underway in Akron, Cleveland, Lorain, Youngstown and Canton.

Patrolman Emil Neff died recently in Cleveland. He was well known as a middleweight in world war one days.

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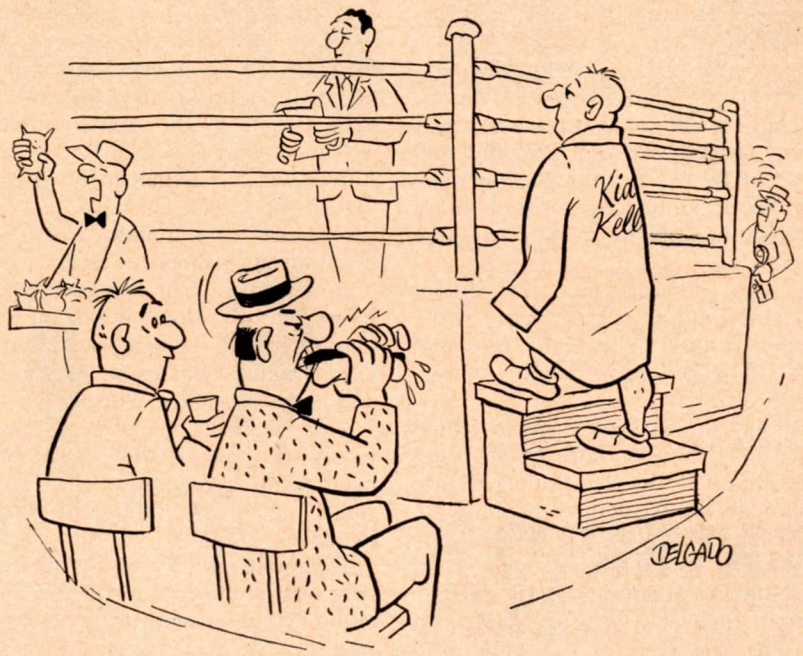

"MAYBE THEY'LL USE BARE FISTS . . I THINK I KNOW WHERE THE GLOVES ARE . ."

HOW GOOD IS FULLMER?

(*Continued from page 7*)

amateur he fought seventy battles and lost only four. He won four Golden Glove titles and five Inter-Mountain A.A.U. championships then went into the Utah Olympic Games trials as a welter and lost by an eyelash to Johnny Gonsalves in the Western finals in San Francisco.

He also took part in the National A.A.U. welterweight final in which another future pro, Gil Turner, nosed Gene out. As a professional Gene faced Turner three times, winning twice. Fullmer also fought such top middleweights as Bobby Boyd, Charley Humez, French champion; Eduardo Lausse, Argentina champion; Rocky Castellani, Ralph Tiger Jones, Ray Robinson from whom he won the world title and to whom he later lost it, and Spider Webb.

All of which proves that Gene, unlike Robinson, never ducked an issue. He got to the top by fighting all comers—the best in his division. He gained prestige not because his manager, Marv Jensen, fed him set-ups for a build-up, but because he had the qualities that enabled him to move up on his own.

This muscular young elder of the Mormon church, is not to be compared to the outstanding middleweights of the past. But he is the best of the current crop, a busy pugilist who likes to fight, likes people in the fight game and gives his best every time he enters the roped square. Therein lies the secret of his success. He is a tireless worker both in the ring and in training.

WATCH THESE FOUR!

(*Continued from page 25*)

class in his home town, where his large and noisy following is helping to bring back boxing.

Bizien, who served with the Infantry at Fort Hood, Texas, began to box in the Department of Recreation when only a fourteen year old flyweight and won all of twenty five bouts, mostly by kayos, before joining the amateur ranks while still a student at Snyder High School.

He won nine of his dozen simonpure fights and in 1956 captured the Hudson County lightweight title and the St. Michael's 135 pound tournament crown.

Although he is the first in his family to take up the sport, both his dad and his mother Lise have encouraged him to follow in the foosteps of his idol, another Marcel, Cerdan.

A willing workman, Bizien's good nature and easy going ways, especially when it came to training, kept him back until this year. He has come into his own with five straight wins to run his overall record to nine wins, two losses and a draw in a dozen fights.

A stiff if not powerful puncher he has scored three kayos, including a one rounder over Sammy DeMarco that featured a double knockdown and near double kayo. Both connected in the opening seconds, but Bizien recovered first and finished his man.

With his new outlook towards training and his new-found responsibility as the local idol of Hudson County, which has produced so many greats, Joe Jeannette, Jimmy Braddock, Jeff Smith, Joe Shugrue, Joey Costa, Joey Ferrando, Lou Lombardi and Ernie Durando, Marcel has matured and shows signs of stepping upward.

The most experienced of our quartet is Richard Rocco Fumerelle of Buffalo, N. Y. Undefeated in twenty four bouts, scoring eleven kayos, Rocky, like Marcel, has hit the main bout class in the smaller clubs.

Born twenty two years ago in Buffalo he is the oldest of two sons of Louis and Josephine. His brother, Louis Junior, has shown no liking for the fistic game that has found Rocky following in his father's footsteps. His dad was a top amateur and Golden Glover in the early '30s.

Now the owner of a restaurant, he has taught and encouraged his son in his boxing career.

Fumerelle, Jr. started in the Golden Gloves as a welterweight in 1955 and captured the Buffalo G.G. title that year. In 1956 he won the 160 pound title as he went undefeated in nineteen bouts, of which he won 15 by kayos.

After being graduated from high school he moved to San Francisco where he lived and fought for two years. He became a big favorite with California fans, but got homesick and returned East this year.

A strong puncher and rough and ready slugger patterned on the style of his ring idols Rockys Marciano and Graziano, he is a mild mannered gentleman outside of the combat square.

Rocky, who is a member of the National Guard, has helped to revive boxing in Fort Erie, Canada, just across the border from Buffalo, where he has headlined two shows in recent weeks.

Earlier this year Fumerelle looked impressive in three Madison Square Garden bouts, winning over Frank LaPola, Jackie Williamson, Jay Anderson, and experienced Joe Miceli.

Like the other members of this quartet he has reached the point where he needs only a few more wins, or that single big one, to jump into the limelight.

Remember these four as you can be sure one or more of them will be television headliners within the next year.

FROM OUR READERS

(*Continued from page 5*)

I saw Von Clay get tapped and slapped silly until it was pitiful and even he stopped confused in the ring. Yet he got the decision over Rodriguez.

The latest smeller was the second Miteff vs Hunter bout.

Miteff had him going most of the bout, had him down once and had his body so sore that all Alex had to do was make a move at the body and Hunter took off. Hunter got a split decision.

Here in the Charleston (W. Va.) area we call some of our wrestling referees Blind Johns and that is what I think of some of the judges and referees on T V

A. O. Wilson
Kincaid, W. Va.

WHEW!

Gentlemen:

I have been a reader of The Ring magazine for the last ten years, but I am in one hundred percent disagreement in the case of the middleweight championship. How can you defend a man, Sugar Ray, who has not fought for so long and still call him Champion? Your theory is that a man has to lose his crown in the ring.

If that be the case, Rocky Marciano would still be champ if he had not made the statement that he was retired. A man could hold the title till he was old and gray as long as he did not fight and as long as he did not make a statement that he has retired. If this is your theory, then you are all wet. Don't you think the other contenders that are fighting deserve a break. Should they have to wait three or four years before they are considered?

If every champ waited that long, there would be little interest left in boxing. Being that Sugar Ray is Champ in New York only, and that this magazine is published in New York, I believe I see the light.

Ed Peters
Louisville, Ky.

WRITE TO ME

Dear Sirs:

I have been buying your truly great magazine for almost five years. I became interested in boxing about five years ago, and am still an avid fan. I also draw up my own monthly ratings.

I am also writing this letter with the hope of obtaining some help in my wish to correspond with *any* Professional Boxer who has the time to write to me. I could benefit greatly from any "tips" they would give me. Most of all, though, I would really get a thrill out of hearing from them.

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NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lew Eskin

RAMBLING AROUND: Boxing is continuing its fine comeback in the state with more and more new clubs opening their doors. Rumors have it that Frankie Polo and Frank Arakelian are going to operate in Highland Park; the Hudson County club under the wing of Dom Bufano; Atlantic City with promoter Al Sofa; Camden promoting by Jimmy Riggio; George Kobb in Elizabeth. Lou Douva is hoping to start again in Paterson and of course the fine job being done by John Milito who has staged two sell-out shows in Trenton.

Atlantic City: Jethro Cason, 139½, Philadelphia kept the pressure on J. D. (Jimmy) Ellis, 137½, Trenton to gain the decision after ten rounds. Referee Mickey Greb scored it 7-1-2 for Cason, giving only the seventh round to Ellis.

Undefeated Dick Turner, 149, Philadelphia was forced to the limit for the first time in winning his fifth straight over Charley Little, 150, Baltimore. Earl Owens, 134¾, Atlantic City upset Joe Melito, 132½, Philadelphia in an exciting 6. In fours, Jackie Johnson, 158, Philadelphia kayoed Johnny Person, 158½, Atlantic City, 2:; and Ronald Woods, 144, Philadelphia halted Leroy Owens, 145, Atlantic City in the sixth round.

AROUND THE TRI-STATE AREA
By Don Elbaum

▶Boxing lay dormant in Erie the past month but will get into the swing of things again on Jan. 21 when red hot Johnny Bizzarro, the pride of Mike Brady's stable goes after his 17th straight win against classy Tony Christy, of Pittsburgh. Tony is undefeated in his last nine fights and the bout is a natural for Erie where Tony is a big favorite.

▶Belting Bobby Hughes scored his 13th one round KO when he journeyed to North Bay, Ont. as a last minute substitute and laid out 186 pound Al Hogan in 1:18 of the first heat.

▶Little happened until Bobby dropped his deadly left hook on the jaw of Hogan. Al was out for a few minutes.

▶Johnny Bizzaro ran his winning streak to 16 straight when he stopped Bill Lowery, 135 of Rankin, Pa. at the Palisades in McKeesport. Johnny dug left hooks to the body and head and stopped his game opponent in the third round to bring his KO total to 13 in his current streak.

▶The up and coming Erie puncher now has an overall record of 17 wins in 18 fights, 14 by KO.

▶On the same card, that was headed by Johnny Morris and Bobby Stininato, up and coming Ferenc Martinovich continued his winning ways with a unanimous decision over Rudy Richardson.

▶Morris won the main event because the 11 pound heavier Stininato did not open up until the last two rounds. Bobby had Johnny in trouble but he just would not take any chance and that resulted in his losing. Morris dropped the Clevelander with a wicked left hook in the second round.

▶Fast Jabs . . . This writer is opening a club in Steubenville, Ohio in Feb. . . . Fighters wanting action contact me at 1102 State St., Erie, Pa. . . . with Buffalo and Pittsburgh running every two weeks the fight game is picking up in this area.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

CINCINNATI'S YEAR OF 1960 for boxing looks as dark as present as it has been the past two years, during which time, practically nothing in the fight line has been active.

This writer is going to make an all out effort to start moving back here in Cincinnati and southern Ohio in general—if those interested in boxing will support my move.

I hope to hear from every interested former professional or amateur boxer in the southern Ohio area who is interested in a boxing revival in Cincinnati, Dayton, Portsmouth, etc., and other area cities.

It would be the plan to organize these former athletes into a group known perhaps as the Southern Ohio Veteran Boxers Group and join together in the promotion of professional boxing in this section of the state. Cincinnati, pinpointed as the starting city, for there is a dearth of interest in boxing here in the Queen City if only someone could start to set the spade work. This writer hopes to start the ball rolling and I would like to hear from all interested parties. Write me, with your opinion at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati 27, Ohio.

Isaac Vaughn, local lightweight who is plying his trade down Florida way, was a local visitor during the holidays. His manager Pat O'Malley of Miami has a red-hot campaign cooked up for Ike during 1960 which both hope will lead to a title bout.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By SAL GIACOBBE

▶Hartford:—With the second postponement of the Jerry Luedee vs Al St. John, New England Light Heavyweight Championship match due to a virus infection contacted by St. John, Sport Promoters, Inc., substituted a match between Hartford's high ranking Billy Lynch and Lino Rendon of Havana, Cuba. Rendon, although on the deck twice in the first round, gave Lynch real trouble all the way, especially in the fifth round when he decked Lynch twice and had him in real trouble. Both knockdowns scored by Rendon were solid right hand smashes to the head, and it's the first time Lynch has been on the deck in a Connecticut bout.

Lynch's far greater experience and holding tactics helped him survive a very disastrous round. In his anxiety to finish Lynch, Rendon twisted his knee in this same round and was rendered ineffective the rest of the way, finally forcing Referee Billy Taylor to call a halt to the bout at 1:05 of the 10th and last round.

All four of the bouts on the undercard also ended in technical knockouts. Lynch weighed in at 150 to Rendon's 156. In scheduled sixes, Paul Wright, 178, stopped Johnny Byrd, 190, New York, at 2:55 of the third round and Joe Tjomas, 185, Newark, N. J. scored a TKO over Abe Davis, 195, Hartford, in the fourth round.

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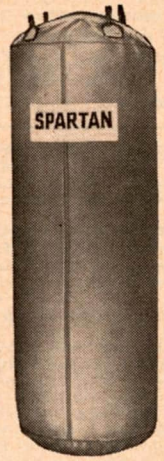

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IN LATIN AMERICA

NEWS FROM CUBA
by Dr. Jorganeites

MATANZAS—Sensational, undefeated featherweight, Urtiminio (Sugar) Ramos, highly rated by THE RING, gave a boxing lesson to Venezuela's Francisco Barraez for 10 rounds. In the companion 10 rounder, No. 1 lightweight contender, Douglas Vaillant, had another easy workout at the expense of another Venezuelan, Cruz Abello.

HAVANA—Former bantam king, Orlando Reyes, 120, won easily in 10 from "Huesito" Gonzalez, 124. Kike Casanova, 120½, stopped Victor Recio, 121¼, in 6. Pedro Miranda, 147¼, stopped Indian Bisbe, 146¼, in 3. Pedro Napoles, 145, won in six from Eliseo 9guilera, 149¾. Pedro Pinera, 118, drew in 4 with Lazaro Canizares, 114¼.

HAVANA—Mexican Javier Garfias, 118¼, won the unanimous decision in 10 from former flyweight champion, Oscar Suarez, 118½. Another Mexican, Chucho Hernandez, 115¾, upset Ignacio Perez, 120, and stopped him in the 7th. Julian Perez, 137, won in 6 from Manuel Machado, 143. Heriberto Silveira, 137¾, won in 4 from Julian Diaz, 137. Euripides Segura, 134¼, stopped Pablo Torres, 136, in 4.

HAVANA—Middleweight champion, Paul Diaz, 158½, won unanimously in 10 from American Bernie Stone, 163. Diwaldo Ventosa, 133¾, won in 10 from Venezuelan Francisco Barraez, 135. Israel Napoles, 126¼, drew in 8 with another Venezuelan, Cruz Abello, 126. Evelio Martinez, 177¼, stopped Raul Perez, 180½, in 4. Martin Reyes, 161½, stopped Ray Muro, 157½, in 3.

HAVANA—Angel (Robinson) Garcia, 135¼, won easily in 10 from Panama's Jorge Quintero, 138. Kike Casanova, 118½, drew in 10 with Manhattan Kid, 119, Panama. Glauco Ferreiro, 119¾, won in 6 from Jose Diaz, 119¾. Guillermo Valdes, 134¾, stopped Arnoldo Leiva, 132, in 5. Pablo Valderrain, 204, stopped Luis Arilla, 207, in one.

HAVANA—Before 11,617 fans in the New Sports Palace, a house that drew $42,273.50, sensational Florentino Fernandez found sweet revenge, when he disposed in 2.42 of round two of Filipino Rocky Kalingo. Kalingo upset Fernandez last month in Caracas, Venezuela, in one of the biggest surprises of the year but this time it was a different story. After a stormy first round, Fernandez started like a house afire in the second, and had Kalingo groggy and badly bleeding from a cut over the right eye when suddenly Rocky exploded his right hand and down went Fernandez for the automatic 8-count. But as soon as he got up, he went after Kalingo and a beautiful left hook to the liver and a right to the jaw landed and down and out went the Filipino in 2.42. Oh, boy what a fight!

In the companion ten rounder, Cuban flyweight champion, Hiram Bacallao, 114½, proved that if given the chance, he may be the future flyweight champion of the world. He easily defeated Chinese Ward Yee, 118¼, recent conqueror of Dommy Ursua, and put his opponent out in the second.

In the 3rd bout, Jose Luis Martinez, 125, featherweight champion of Spain, won a close, split tenner from Johnny Sarduy, 126. Henry Hitchman, 121, won in 6 from William Roncourt, 121½. Luis Regueira, 117½, stopped Pedro Pinera, 119, in 4.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan W. Copeland

AT THE NATIONAL GYMNASIUM, PANAMA CITY, in a Torres Brothers promotion, Jorge Quintero, 136½, took a unanimous ten round decision from Rodolfo (Bobo) Francis, 135½.

Francis was dropped for an 8-count in round three. Quintero is lightweight champion of Panama; Francis is the former featherweight king.

Andres (Asesino) Allen, 129, won a six round decision over Kid Evans, 126¾, who was trying to make a comeback after being out of the right for 5 years. Eloy Henry, 126, stopped Jose Perez, 128¾, in the fifth round. It was Henry's eighth consecutive win.

Arturo (Puntillo) Smith, 130, dropped Stanley Ray, 129, in the second and stopped him in the fourth round.

▶At the Panama National Gym, in a Lin Duncan promotion, Jose Edwin, 150¼, Panama's welterweight champion, won a ten round decision over Cuban Mario Coll, 154.

Veteran Sammy Medina, 129, lost a six round decision to Jose Gondola, 129¾. David Wright, 126½, lost a four rounder to Serafin Garcia, 127. Eligio Pontilles, 113¼, won a four round decision from Jose Pacheco, 114¼.

▶At Puerto Armuelles, in a Luis Cedento promotion, Tito Despaigne, former welterweight champion of Panama, came back from a long layoff to knock out Luis Silvera in the fourth round.

The remainder of the card was made up of amateur bouts.

▶At the Panama National Gym, in a Torres Brothers promotion, former bantamweight champion Melvin Bourne, 122½, defeated Fernando Gomez, 123, in a ten rounder.

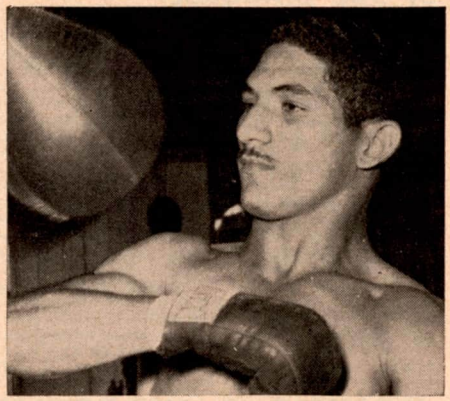
Roy Best, 130½, lost a six round decision to Enrique Perea after a hard fight. The bout between Bobo Salcedo, 131½, and Eduardo Fruto, 127¼, was ruled no contest in the second round after Salcedo went down from a grazing right to the head.

Lazaro Fruto, 117½, won a four round decision over Constantino Diaz, 118.

▶At the Arena Colon, in a Louis Craig promotion, Eloy Henry, 127½, kayoed Stanley Wilson, 126, in the second round.

Rudolfo (Tito) Marshall, 129, won a ten round decision over Valentin Brown, 126.

Percy Redman kayoed Salvador Molina in the third round. They are bantamweights. Carlos Cruz won a four round decision over Lazaro Fruto.



Florentino Fernandez, Cuban Flash, who regained a place among the top ten 147 pounders and a measure of revenge when he kayoed Rocky Kalingo of the Philippines in two rounds at Havana. Rocky had scored a stunning one round kayo over Fernandez in Caracas the month before.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
by Selsso Tiborro

THROUGHOUT 1959, Senor De la Colina, local promoter, had to struggle with Mexico City ceiling prices, which prevented him from competing with U. S. promoters and even with those from Mexican provinces. In spite of the holidays he did not discontinue his shows at the end of the year as in previous seasons. All results of fights during December, follow:

▶Valentin Rangel, 136, decisioned Roberto Pinon, 133, in 10. Raul Reyes, 126, stopped Rosendo Martinez, 125, in 4. Sal Hernandez, 118, stopped Abel Paredes, 118, in 4. Marinerito Celis, 134, decisioned David Becerril, 135, in 6. Antonio Arizmendi, 126, decisioned Angel Perez, 125, in 4.

▶Juan "Bombin" Padilla, 145, national welter king, drew with Ray Terrazas, 141, challenger, in a twelve-round bout for the title, and the champion retained the belt. Mario Diaz, 126, decisioned Victor Adame, 125, in 8. Luis Rodriguez, 112, won from Pipo Castillo, 112, in 4, by disqualification. Cordova Rodriguez, 135, stopped Manuel Luna, 134, in 6. Venancio Hernandez, 135, decisioned Pollo Sanchez, 135, in 4.

▶Chilo Barranco, 126, decisioned Jose Reyes, 125, in 10. Jose Luis Valdes, 125, decisioned Julio Moreno, 125, in 8. Antonio Barron, 118, decisioned Raton Veloz, 118, in 6. Rodolfo Anahuac, 126, stopped Reynaldo Becerra, 125, in 2. Raul Huerta, 112, decisioned Manuel de la Rosa, 112, in 4.

▶Saul Becerril, 112, decisioned Cuervo Salinas, 112, in 10. Chucho Tello, 118, decisioned Ernesto Castaneda, 118, in 8. Torito Lopez, 118, decisioned Jose Luis Salazar, 118, in 6. Panterita Jacome, 126, stopped Paz Dominguez, 125, in 5.

▶Guillermo Tellez, 118, decisioned Torito Mota, 118, in 10. Hilario Espana, 135, stopped Juan Lemus, 134, in 2. Muralla Zamora, 135, decisioned Alfredo Gutierrez, 134, in 6. Jose Santos, 113, stopped Victor Aguilar, 113, in 5. Nacho Robledo, 118, stopped Pancho Hernandez, 118, in 1.

▶Felix Liendo, 135, from Venezuela, stopped Carlos Arregui, 135, in 8. Alberto Soto, 126, decisioned Memo Baltazares, 125, in 8. Beto Romero, 112, stopped Bernardino Martinez, 112, in 4. Fidel Hernandez, 118, decisioned Felix Hernandez, 118, in 4.

▶Tacuba Hernandez, 118, decisioned Facundo Martinez, 118, in 10. Mauro Miranda, 112, stopped Alfonso Tinajero, 112, in 5. Alberto Cervantes, 118, stopped Jose Hernandez, 118, in 6. Luis Jimenez, 112, stopped Luis Lujano, 112, in 4. Javier Torres, 135, stopped Carlos Barranco, 134, in the fourth and last round.

▶David Cervantes, 149, decisioned Chilango Rosales, 147, in 10. Ernesto Barrera, 113, decisioned Miguel Ulloa, 111, in 8. Juan Sanchez, 120, stopped Juan Saldana, 119, in 2. Jose Luis Dominguez, 112, decisioned Roman Rodriguez, 109, in 6. Jose Sierra, 125, decisioned Manuel Becerra, 127, in 4.

▶Alberto Soto, 125, decisioned Mario Diaz, 126, in 10. Marinerito Celis, 127, stopped Luis Celis, 125, in 3. Hector Cruz, 147, and Humberto Castillo, 145, drew in 6. Enrique Garcia, 118, stopped Nino Huesca, 118, in 2. Porfirio Buendia, 126, decisioned Angel Perez, 125, in 4.

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCE
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

AS USUAL, THE THREE BOXING SHOWS STAGED IN LA LAGUNA TERRITORY during the month were under Mel Dipp and Manny Mateos' promotion in their Arena "Olimpica" of Gomez Palacio, a 50,000 population city near Torreon. The results, were as follows:

▶"Gallito" Gonzalez, 126, easily whipped local Jorge Gonzalez, 125, in ten fast rounds. Juan "Sordomudo" Viesca, 129, surprised when he stopped "Choco" Lucero, 130, in the second heat. Luis Ramirez, 121, outscored Humberto "Beto" Martinez, 120, in eight. Jesus Segovia, 119, defeated Trini Astorga, 120, in four. Gonzalo Rubio, 118, whipped Ramiro Nuno, 120, in other 4-rounder.

▶Young railway keed, Carlos "Calucas" Rios, 132, scored a fine decision triumph over clever Paulino "Kangaroo" Araujo, 130, in ten. Keep an eye on Rios, he started 1959 as a 6-rounder preliminary fighter and you have him now as a main eventer. In the other scheduled tenner, Juan "Sordomudo" Viesca, 128, iced Gustavo Ohm, 128, in only three rounds.

▶Santiago "Cain" Rogero, 119, tough, got the ten round duke over Jose "Monito" Luna, 117, Mexico City top little guy. Cain is ranked as the 5th best bantamweight by all Mexico. In the 8-round semi, Vicente "Pichon" Ramirez, 135, and Manuel Favela, 139, fought to a draw. Antonio "Tony" Ibarra, 135, and Juan "Sordomudo" Viesca, 130, drew in other eight rounder. Vicente Nuno, 126, decisioned "Pajaro" Gutierrez, 125, in six heats. Trini Astorga, 118, and Ramiro Nuno, 118, drew in four rounds.

▶PUEBLA.—Rigo Guadarrama, 129, kayoed Jorge Schaffini, 131, in the ninth round. Tony Sanchez, 132, stopped "Tribilin" Carmona, 129, in only two heats. Ray Villa, 115, decisioned Mario Carrillo, 117, in eight.

▶COLIMA.—"Charro" Benavides, 133, halted "Negro" Ramirez, 132, in the fifth. Kid Avina, 127, got the duke over Baby Robles, 129, in ten rounds.

▶TIJUANA.—Ray Ruiz, 117, the skinny clever-boy of Tony Aznar, convincingly outpointed "Pulga" Serrano, 118, in ten fast rounds.

▶JUAREZ.—Edmundo "Mundo" Esparza, 114, whipped Fidel Alfaro, 114, in ten heats. Marcelino Vargas, 140, decisioned Oscar Tinoco, 139, in eight.

▶CUAUTLA.—Kid SanMartin, 123, won a decision over Gustavo Alonso, 121, in ten. Kid Pollo, 125, defeated Cesar Jimenez, 124, in eight rolls.

▶ARCELIA.—This little town, in the Guerrero State, was the stage of the second boxing tragedy of the year. Manuel "Toro" Palomares, a young Mexico City lightweight was the victim. Pepe Montes, 142, a real washed off veteran, was the accidental killer. When the referee was declaring Montes the winner at the end of the eighth round Palomares collapsed and two days later he died.

▶PUEBLA.—Jesus "Nopal" Moron, 117, decisioned Bernardo Perez, 118, in ten rounds. Carlos "Tarzan" Hernandez, 118, bested Valentin Mendoza, 120, also in ten heats. Beto Salas, 120, upset "Chaval" Salazar, 119, in six.

▶VERACRUZ.—Tony Sanchez, 128, beat Ricardo "Raton" Vargas, 126, in ten. Porfirio Martinez, 128, whipped Pedro Soto, 127, in other tener. Yico Figueroa, 116, stopped Manuel Velasco, 118, in three rounds.

▶POZA RICA.—Adolfo Olguin, 133, kayoed Lino Kid, 135, in two. Beto Beltran, 129, bested Tigre Tenechaco, 130, in ten. Antonio Arriaga, 148, and "Gorila" Quetzal, 150, drew in six.

▶VILLA-FRONTERA.—Carlos Hernandez, 118, the new border sensation, took the Coahuila State Bantamweight crown, when he easily defeated Jesus "Chuy" Guerrero, 117, in twelve rounds.

▶ACAPULCO.—Alex Arenas, 132, got the decision over Cosme Maldonado, 135, Mexico City, after ten rounds. Frankie Silva, 120, kayoed "Pollero" Garcia, 118, in nine. Silvestre Martinez, 116, won by disqualification over Agapito Candelas, 116, in three rolls.

▶MONTERREY.—Jesus "Chucho" Mejia, 134, was too experienced for young Tony Lopez, 135, and scored a clean 12-round triumph. This bout was a championship one with the Monterrey Lightweight crown at stake. In the 10-round semifinal, little Arturo Vazquez, 116, halted Lupe Lopez, 117, in the eighth round.

▶GUADALAJARA.—Alberto Martinez, 121, surprised the fans when he kayoed Anselmo Delgadillo "Huracan Mazatleco", 125, in the first. Juan Lemus, 130, beat Juan Prieto, 126, in eight.

▶CHILPANCINGO. — Lauro Garcia, 127, stopped Babe Tampico, 130, in the third. "Pollero" Garcia, 118, outpointed "Brazo de Oro" (Golden Arm), 120, in ten. Felix Padilla, 113, beat "Pajarito" Ortega, 115, in eight. Silvestre Mendoza, 118, whipped Rolando Catalan, 119, in six.

▶COLIMA.—Alberto Soto, 123, kayoed Juanito Sanchez, 124, in the ninth round. "Chamaco" Figueroa, 126, stopped Federico Banuelos, 127, in two heats.

▶MEXICALI.—Raul Leanos, 117, the little kid brother of famous Juan Leanos, hold local idol Ramon Sarmiento, 118, to a ten round draw.

▶JUAREZ.—Veteran Humberto Martinez, better known as Kid Anahuac, was too much for Roberto "Perro" Hernandez, 127. Of course, the Old Kid got a clean cut decision in ten rounds. Jose "Generalito" Galvan, 121, La Laguna, bested Ismael Gutierrez, 119, in 8.

▶PACHUCA.—Hard hitter Anselmo Najera, 149, is the new Welter Champion of the Hidalgo State. The boy whipped Luis Zuniga, 146, in twelve rounds for the title.

▶PUEBLA.—"Osito" Galvan, 115, outscored Nicolas Flores, 114, in ten rounds. Carlos Solis, 116, iced Alfredo Jimenez, 117, in the second heat.

▶VERACRUZ.—Sergio Palacios, 118, kayoed former topnotcher Chuy Rodriguez, 119, in only three rounds. Juanene Garcia, 129, halted Leonel Perez, 127, in the eighth.

▶MONTERREY.—"Pajaro" Gonzalez, 120, scored a 2-round technical decision over Sabino Mendez, 121. A mutual butt was the cause. . . . "Gallito" Garcia, 123, arose from the canvas six times to score a sensational knockout over Manuel Galvan, 125, in the ninth round.

▶ACAPULCO.—Johnny Eddie Shaw, 125, kayoed Lauro Garcia, 124, in nine rounds. Kid Roma, 133, halted Al Olivera, 135, in the third.

▶GUADALAJARA. — Anselmo Hernandez, 126, decisioned Juan Lopez, 126, in ten rounds. Ramiro Rosales, 125, embalmed Ruben Ramirez, 124, in the seventh.

▶NOGALES.—World Champion Jose Becerra, 121, had to work hard to score a 10-round decision over Frankie Duran, 120.

▶COLIMA.—Jorge Alatorre, 119, bested "Cubanito" Gonzalez, 122, in ten rounds.

▶OBREGON.—Bantamweight World King, Jose Becerra, 122, took an easy one when he kayoed veteran Hector "Chango" Ceballos, 124, in three. Tony Lopez Smith, 136, halted Joey Arias, 132, in the fifth.

▶VERACRUZ.—"Chilango" Sansores, 123, won by disqualification over rough Ruben Contreras, 124, in the seventh. Veteran Baby Couary, 130, returned to the game and got an 8-round decision over Manuel Garcia, 131.

▶GUADALAJARA.—Little monky, willing mixer, Eloy Sanchez, 118, scored his most valuable triumph when he upset Joe Medel, 117, National Bantamweight Champion and high ranked boy in THE RING, in ten furious rounds. Joe Medel kid is now a real Bantamweight and cannot make the Fly class . . . In the ten round semifinal, Antonio Napoles, 130, decisioned Jesus Celes, 133.

▶DURANGO.—Jorge "Zurdo" Salazar, 116, outscored "Chocolate" Rodriguez, 117, in ten rounds. Ignacio "TunTun" Torres, 119, defeated Enrique Moreno, 119, in other tener.

▶ACAPULCO.—Juan Ibares, 118, won an 8-round technical decision over Miguel Lassus, 117, Cuba. Baby Lopez, 117, kayoed Felix Padilla, 116, in four rounds.

▶ROZA-RICA. — Another big upset! Ray Zamora, 127, surprised Manuel Armenteros, 122, by scoring an unexpected ten round triumph.

▶LA PAZ.—Guillermo "Memo" Ayon, 159, whipped Alfonso Flores, 160, National Middleweight Champ in ten rounds. What is wrong with Flores? Since he got the title he hasn't won a fight.

▶COLIMA.—Efren Jimenez, 125, put the red light to "Chamaco" Figueroa, 126, in the ninth round. Fernando Gomez, 126, whipped Chucho "Kid" Oliva, 127, in ten heats.

▶PACHUCA.—Raul Reyes, 133, outscored Adolfo Olguin, 135, after ten rolls.

▶TLAXCALA.—Local and national idol, handsome boy Mauro Vazquez, 134, easily kayoed Lupe Garcia, 138, in four rounds. Cisco Kid, 133, halted Roberto Ortega, 132, also in four heats.

▶TEPIC.—"Diamante Negro", 154, upset Jess Bogart, 151, (Jesus Rangel), in ten rounds. "Alacran" Torres, 125, kayoed Joe Tinoco, 127, in four.

▶ARCELIA.—"Ventarron" Reyes, 149, bested "Toro" Garcia, 150, in ten. "Zurdo" Aguilar, 135, also whipped "Toro" Salgado, 140, in other tener.

▶ACAPULCO.—"Chiquis" Rosales, 120, defeated Johnny Eddie Shaw, 124, in ten rounds. Baldomero Luna, 130, stopped Juanene Garcia, 129, in nine.

▶MONTERREY.—Carlos Hernandez, 118, outpointed Enrique Alvarez, 119, in ten rounds. "Nicho" Gonzalez, 125, kayoed Porfirio Martinez, 126, in the third heat.

BOXING IN BRAZIL
By Walter Quiroga

SAO PAULO — IBIRAPUERA STADIUM — DON JORDAN, 151, world welter titleholder defeated Brazilian champion, Fernando Barreto, 146, in 10 rounds in a non-championship bout. Xavier Mandi kayoed Otacilio dos Santos in 5; Jose Oswaldo Assumpcao Walcott, outpointed Nelson de Oliveira, in 6; Sebastiao Nascimento beat Oripes dos Santos in 10.

Ibirapuera Stadium — Philippine bantam king, Danny Kid, 121, was outpointed by Brazilian champion Eder Jofre, 120. The fight drew 11,386 persons.

Angelo Gutierrez and Claudio Silva drew in six; Etelvino Lima, defeated Felicio de Oliveira in six; Jaconias Amorin stopped Mario dos Santos in the fifth. Jofre dropped his opponent three times.

Rio de Janeiro—Brazilian champion light heavyweight Luis Ignacio stopped Argentinian L. Gonzales in the sixth round. It was Ignacio's first appearance in a long time.

BOXING RESULTS FROM URUGUAY
by Mario Laplume

PALACIO PENAROL — Rene Fernandez (Arg.) lightweight, decisioned Bernardino Roda (Urug.) in 4. Julio Perez (Urug.) welter, drew with Walter Rodriguez (Urug.) in 6. Amaro Millar (Urug.) welter, outpointed Juan C. Gomez (Urug.) in 8. Gregorio Peralta (Arg.) middleweight, kayoed Juan C. Comini (Urug.) in 7 rounds.

PALACIO PENARO — Federal Magarinos (Urug.) welterweight, kayoed Humberto Alvarado, (Arg.) in 1. Gualberto Fernandez (Urug.) featherweight, in an upset, was kayoed by Cesar Munoz (Arg.) in 1. Gonzalo Leal (Urug.) stopped Eduardo Andrade (Arg.) lightweight, in 5. Eulogio Caballero (Urug.) featherweight, decisioned Cesar Farias, (Arg.) in 10.

PALACIO PENAROL — Federal Magarinos (Urug.) middleweight, drew with Luis A. Cespedes (Arg.) in 4. Walter Villanueva (Urug.) flyweight, kayoed Alberto Silva (Arg.) in 6. Hector Suarez (Arg.) flyweight, outpointed Roberto Rebollo (Urug.) in 10. Jupiter Mansilla (Urug.) flyweight, kayoed Jose Lanza (Italian) in 7.

PALACIO PENAROL—Mario Suarez (Urug.) flyweight, kayoed Pablo Sosa (Arg.) in 2.

Oscar Alonso, (Arg.) featherweight, won from Ramon Torena, (Urug.) in 8. Jorge Firodelmondo, (Urug.), welter, kayoed Julio Lopez, (Arg.) in 3. Miguel Rodriguez beat Hector Rodriguez, former middleweight king in 12 to win the Uruguyan Middleweight championship.

Santos Pereyra, undefeated Uruguyan lightweight, outpointed Rolando Caballero, Argentinian, in 10.

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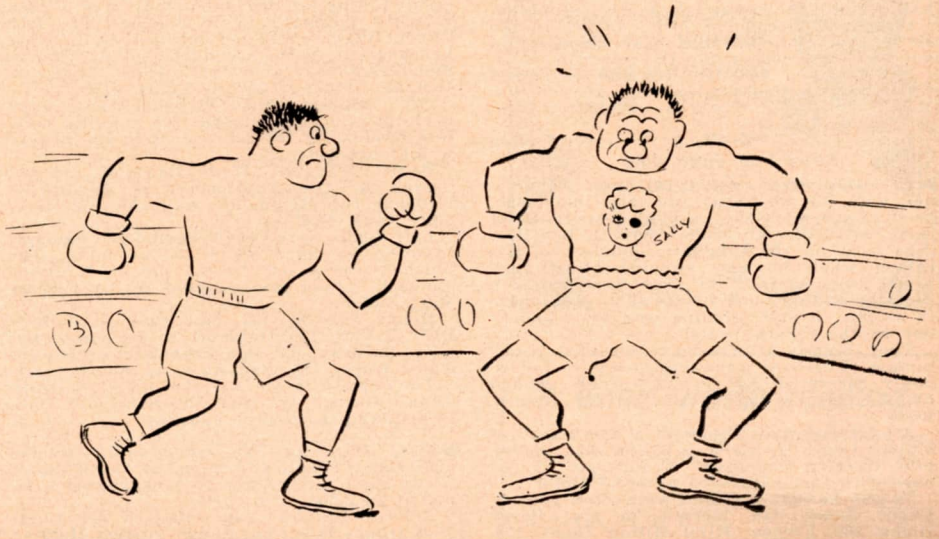

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

FRESNO'S sports notables of the past half century once more had the spotlight focused on them as they were installed into the newly formed Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame.

Prominent among this assemblage of former greats was Young Corbett III, ex-welterweight champion of the world. In reviewing the achievements of Corbett (Italian-born Rafaele Giordano), it was pointed out that pugilist "Ralph" fought 165 times in his 22-year career, and lost but eight contests.

Corbett fought nine world's champions in the welter, middle and light-heavy division, and defeated seven of them.

Others receiving Hall of Fame trophies at the civic banquet gathering were Walter Marty, one-time world high jump champion; Cornelius Warmerdam, former world pole-vaulting champion, and Les Richter, former All-American lineman of the University of California. Richter is now with the Los Angeles Rams.

Two deceased Fresno sports notables were named to the Hall. Relatives accepted the trophies for Frank Chance, famous player and manager of the Chicago Cubs, and for Bill Vukovich, auto racer who twice won the Indianapolis "500."

▶ A Sacramento main event without a home town favorite usually shows an unfavorable total at the box office. Auburn Copeland and Ray Riojas did better than most visiting attractions in bringing $2435 gross to the ticket window. Copeland, clever veteran from Flint, Michigan, outpointed Riojas, from Ft. Worth Texas, in a fast action ten-rounder. Weights: Copeland, 133; Riojas, 136.

Scoring consensus for Copeland was 98-95. The program was put on by the Larry Duccini Boxing Club. Johnny Reno refereed.

Local interest centered on one of the scheduled four rounders, in which Jimmy Flood was making his pro debut. Flood is a former national collegiate champion from Sacramento State College. He knocked out Leroy Docter of San Francisco with a left to the stomach in the first round. Weights: Flood, 160; Docter, 162.

In the six round semi-windup, Chuck Whitaker, 134, Los Angeles, decisioned Zeke Lucero, 135, Sacramento. In another six, Stan Garcia, 159, Oakland, knocked out Willie Moon, 164, San Francisco, in the final round.

Buckskin Fields, 139, outpointed Dorsey Williams, 139, in 4.

▶ Stockton bantamweight Herman Marquez strengthened his chances for a higher place in the world ratings when he was credited with a TKO over veteran Pimi Barajas of Tijuana, Mexico. Because of an inch and half gash over his left eye, Barajas was not allowed to answer the bell for the seventh round.

The battle took place at Stockton's Memorial Auditorium. Weights: Marquez, 122; Barajas, 121. Gross gate was $1051.

Both men had glaring wounds near their optics in the early rounds, but Marquez' handlers did the better job of blood stopping.

Pimi's cut became a prime target in the sixth, and the bout ended when Barajas did not leave his corner for the seventh.

Mel Fulgham, 166, Los Angeles, decisioned Cleo Frazier, Stockton, in six. Also in six, Mose Cooper, 147, Stockton, outpointed Russell Davis, 149, Reno.

James Fisher, 183, took the verdict from Carl Looney, 183, in four.

▶ Fresno sports writers call him Bandit—and with his sideburns and large mustache, he does resemble the colorful desperados of early Spanish California. Bandit Ben Medina took on the toughest opponent of his career when he met swashbuckling Joey Lopes from Sacramento. The Bandit took a fierce pounding, but dished out even more in return. Result: Medina won by a knockout in the eighth round.

They fought at Fresno's Memorial Auditorium. The bout was stopped due to Lopes' badly lacerated left eyelid, which gushed blood freely. Weights: Medina, 137; Lopes, 137½.

Attendance was 2304, with a gross gate of $7618. Lopes received a $2000 flat purse, plus training expenses. Medina got 25 per cent of the net gate, or a purse of $1614.

Tony Noriega, 148, Fresno, outpointed Edgar Jones, 148, Merced, in six; Perry Hicks, 160, Fresno, KO'd Milton Jones, 153, Sacramento, in 2; Joe Valdez, 127, Fresno, stopped Jimmy Pope, 127, Sacramento, in 2; Al Azavedo, 143, Fresno, halted Lowell Hunter, 143, Santa Cruz, in 3.

▶ Danny Valdez, state featherweight champ, enhanced his prestige by scoring an 8th round knockout over Anastacio (Tano) Serna of Texas at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A., in a bout which was locally televised. Danny's title was not at stake. Valdez, 124¾; Serna, 126¼.

The Texan came here with an impressive record of 11 knockouts in 16 pro fights, and while he threw a good many punches, he failed to score with any that slowed up the California lad.

Valdez was in front all the way, scored two knockdowns in the 8th, the second one a short right to the jaw that laid Serna low for the full count. He also tallied a knockdown in the 3rd.

In a six-rounder, Oney Minguez, 120, duked Phil Ortiz, 119. The fours: Jimmy Anderson, 164½, KO (4) over Ken Payne, 164½; Carlos Castro, 143, dec. Fred Young, 147; Ed Hickman, 156½, dec. Lou Dodril, 158.

▶ Ralph Gambina's welter, Reybon Stubbs, who scored a decisive win over Art Aragon, the one-time Golden Boy, is willing to give the latter a return bout. But he wants an even split in the purse—30-30, as we say in the trade.

A couple of our boxing scribes criticized him for that attitude, pointing out that it was Aragon who was chiefly responsible for the gross of $10,566 in their last meeting.

Mebbe so, mebbe so. But isn't there an old saying that "to the victors belong the spoils?" Certainly Stubbs' triumph entitles him to at least even-Stephen consideration, in my opinion.

▶ Ray Pacheco, fast stepping Mexican battler, avenged a defeat by Manila's Dommy Ursua by scoring a split decision in ten rounds over the heavy-punching Filipino. They fought at the Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento. Pacheco, 114; Ursua, 115.

Ursua forced the fight most of the way, throwing looping lefts and rights to the head. Pacheco's point scorers were steady streams of left jabs to the head.

Referee Jack Downey voted for Ursua, but judges Mario Duccini and Fred Bottaro had Pacheco ahead.

The gross gate was good for a card featuring such tiny headliners. Jackie King's promotion drew $2441. Sponsoring organization is the Victory A. C.

George Page, 131, Auburn, took the decision over Ed Moore, 130, Oakland, in six rounds.

Two scheduled fours ended in knockouts. Al Medrano, 136, Sacramento, halted Leon Nelson, 131, Stockton, in 4. Buckskin Fields, 140, San Francisco, TKO'd Tom Arceo, 137, Stockton, in 3.

▶ A name famous in boxing annals of 30 years ago surprised the old timers in Northern California when it appeared on the main event billing at Richmond. It was Chuck Wiggins, opposing Benny Casing. The 1959 Chuck Wiggins did not fare too well, being knocked out in the second round by Casing, undefeated bantamweight from Stockton. Weights: Casing, 120; Wiggins, 117.

(The original Chuck Wiggins was a busy performer in the Roaring '20s, making matters interesting for contenders in the heavyweight bracket).

Banty Wiggins, from Oakland, battled Casing at the Auditorium in Richmond. Unusual for Richmond was the low box-office take—$592.

Left hooks to the head started the damage, followed by hard shots to the body. The finisher was a left to the pit of Wiggins' stomach. Chuck was counted out by Referee Matt Zidich.

Henry Salcedo, 137, San Jose, outpointed Billy Brown, 139, Oakland, in a six-rounder.

Joe Sullivan, 190, San Francisco, decisioned Andy Isaac, 183, San Jose, in another six.

The curtain raiser was also for six rounds. Jimmy George, 129, and Ray Salas, 128, both of Oakland, battled to a draw.

▶ Paul Armstead, 135, won a split decision over Baby Vazquez, Mexico, at the Olympic Auditorium, before a crowd charitably estimated as 3,000.

Referee Frankie Van voted 97-95; Judge Joey Olmos 99-92; but Judge Tommy Herman saw it 95-95.

The fight was not a thriller, but there was one unusual incident worthy of mention. In the 7th round, Armstead tossed a left jab which flicked the eye of Vazquez, turning his eyelid. The Mexican lad dropped to one knee and took a count of eight from Referee Van before regaining his footing.

There was the expected squawk after the fight: Baby's handlers claimed that their boy was thumbed.

Like they say at the race-track: "the claim was not allowed".

Armstead concentrated on the body, and his superior speed enabled him to gain the edge in nearly every round, according to most observers. AND two of the officials.

The six-round semi was a toughie to follow: it was a real humdinger, with Ernie Cuadres, 134, winning the unanimous verdict over Arvil Burris, 134½. Delighted fans showered money into the ring.

The fours: Freeman Hardin, 187, KO (2) over Ron Jordan, 190; Roberto Fernandez, 144½, dec. Larry Mercer, 149; and Charles Diggs, 118½, KO (2) over Don Daniels, 118¼.

▶ Two friends of long standing passed away on the same day: Tony Canzoneri, 51, and Joe Levy, 79. Tony, one of boxing's all-time greats, was the victim of a bum decision the night he lost his featherweight title to Andre Routis. When I met him on the street, a day or two later, and sought to console him, the youngster grinned and said:

"What's the difference, Bill? I'll get it back again."

He didn't get the 126-pound crown again, but he soundly whipped Routis the following year, after the latter had lost it to Bat Battalino. But in 1930, at the age of 22, Tony acquired the lightweight crown by knocking out Al Singer in Round 1.

As for Levy, he managed the Mexican ace, Joe Rivers, hero of a double knockout with Ad Wolgast, in 1912. In the mid-Twenties, Levy was matchmaker at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A., later promoted in Portland.

▶ Davey Moore gave San Francisco fans some explosive samples of the artistry which brought him the featherweight championship, when he floored Hilario Morales in the first and went on to take the ten round decision. Moore, of Springfield, Ohio, weighed 131. Morales, of Mexico City, scaled 134.

The encounter, at San Francisco's Civic Auditorium, drew $8495 gross. Moore received 40 per cent of the net gate, and Morales 20 per cent. Scorecard consensus for Moore was 99-92. Jack Silver refereed.

It was Moore's first fight against a lightweight since he won the feather title. He is campaigning for a shot against lightweight king Joe Brown.

Morales fought well after he escaped from a knockout in the first. After two minutes of the opening round, Moore sent in two sharp lefts to the face, followed by a right to the chin. Morales was down for a nine count.

Stan Garcia, 161, unbeaten Oaklander, won on a TKO from Murphy Holmes, 157, San Francisco, in the fourth session of a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Willie Woods, 127, TKO'd Morris Duran, 131, in 4; Pineapples Palega, 149, dec. Eddie Jones, 161; Henry Berrera, 142, outpointed Mose Cooper, 147.

▶ Tombstone Smith, 148, former state welter champ, evidently completely recovered from the broken jaw he suffered in his meeting with Jerry Hunnicutt, proved it by trouncing Ray Greco, Denver, at the Olympic Auditorium. However, he had to be content with a split verdict.

Referee Frankie Van saw it even, 96-96; but Tombstone had the edge on the cards of both Judges. George Latka voted 96-92; Lee Grossman, 96-94.

Greco got off in front, but midway in the scrap Tombstone began to rattle and roll. In the ninth he seemed to have Greco on Queer Street, but the Denverite clutched his way to safety and managed to stave off disaster in the tenth.

In the semi-final, Spider Walker, 128, dec. Paddy Reed, 127.

The whole card was locally televised.

The four-rounders Sandy Garcia, 116½, dec. Bobby Reese, 115½, Emilio Flores, 133½, dec. Dick Kirby, 133; and Earl Bastings, 139½, KO (4) over Walt Varez, 140.

▶Don Jordan is still the world welterweight champion, but he lost a lot of glamor and prestige when Federico Thompson flattened him in the 4th. Fortunately for Jordan, his title was not at stake.

Had Jordan's handlers taken a gander at the record of Frederico Thompson, Panamahorn Argentinian, on Pages 765-66, 1959 Ring Record Book, it is doubtful if they'd have taken him, for he had scored 49 knockouts in seven years of battling. You don't pick them kind for playmates.

▶George T. Davis, Sports Editor of the Herald-Express, and my good friend for about 30 years, picks Ingo Johansson's win over Floyd Patterson as the outstanding event of 1959. He also considers Patterson as the No. 1 bust.

Much as I like George, I can't agree with him on either pick. My privilege as a free-born American. Ingo landed a lucky punch, period. That doesn't make him a standout in my book. As for Floyd, he has lost two fights in his pro career; one, a disputed verdict to Joe Maxim, the other a kayo at the hands of Ingo. Outside of Marciano, no heavyweight champion boasts a better record.

▶Alvaro Gutierrez, 147½, can now lay claim to the welterweight championship of Japan, thanks to his 9th round kayo over Jiro Sawada, 146, at the Olympic Auditorium. On hand, about 4,000; gross gate receipts, $6,175.

If Sawada is indeed Japan's welterweight champ, one is forced to the belief that Japan has a poor crop of 147-pounders.

The Nipponese scrapper was given a terrific build-up. He had been a movie actor in Japan; was a crack swimmer and baseball catcher. He was kind to his Ma and Pa, too.

At the hands of Gutierrez, Sawada proved that he was indeed a wonderful catcher. In that respect, he merited ranking with Yogi Berra.

In the six-round semi, Rafael Gutierrez, 146, won a split decision over Alton Allen, 145½. The four-rounders: Solly Klein, 130½, dec. Lyn Boyd, 132½; Mauricio Morales, 125, drew with Frankie Mehio, 123½; and Tony Herrera, 123½, dec. Beto Maldonado, 123½.

▶George Parnassus, Olympic matchmaker, announces a tremender for February 4th at the L.A. Sports Arena:—a rematch between Joe Becerra, banty boss, and Alphonse Halimi, the man he dethroned, and on the same program, undefeated Battling Torres, newest darling of Mexican fans, against Carlos Ortiz, junior welter champ.

Both fights will be over the 15-round route, with titles at stake in each. Prices will range from $7.50 to $30, and a sellout would figure around $250,000.

California record at this writing, the $236,531, drawn by Carmen Basilio vs Art Aragon on Sept. 5, 1958 at Wrigley Field.

▶Pelon Cervantes, once of Mexico, now an Angeleno, was heavily favored over Billy Thomas of San Francisco at the Olympic Auditorium, L.A., but he had to work hard to win a split decision over the upstate feather. Betting odds favored Cervantes at 3-1, but like Shakespeare said, "betting odds don't decide fights".

Judge Charley Randolph had Cervantes in front, 96-93; Referee George Latka also favored the Mexican, but by the slim margin of 93-92. Judge Tommy Hart dissented, tabbing Thomas 95-94.

It was a fast, action-packed scrap, but a 9th round knockdown scored by Cervantes seemed to entitle him to victory. Thomas was down for five when the bell ended this heat. But the courageous Thomas held his own in the 10th heat.

It was Billy's second ten-round scrap, and this was his 24th pro fight. He weighed 126; Cervantes, 128. The show was locally televised.

In the semi, billed for six, Big Jim McCarter, 220½, curtailed hostilities by sending Tony Emanuel, 209, to the showers in Round 2. The fours: Charlie Marshall, 128, KO (1) over Otao Castillo, 130; Paul Carlin, 132, dec. Edmond Edwards, 128; and Robert Fernandez, 144, dec. Johnny Page, 145½.

▶Boots Monroe, 122½, got up from a 10th round knockdown to win the unanimous verdict over Filipino Baby Brown, 124, in a grueling scrap at the Olympic Auditorium, L.A. The show was locally televised.

Brown was handicapped by a tightly shut left eye, sustained in the third round, but this did not chill his ardor.

Referee Jimmy Wilson voted 95-93; Judge Dick Young, 97-93, and Judge Frankie Van, 98-91.

In the six-round semi, Frank Haynes, 182, took the unanimous duke over Roy Smith, 189. The four-rounders: Thell Torrance, 157, KO (1) over Artie Fox, 159; Kiki Berrios, 135, drew with Lyn Boyd, 136½; and Collier Cox, 130, KO (1) over Pantera Cardenas, 132.

▶Extra speedy Benny Casing, Stockton bantam, had won 13 out of 14, but all against youngsters in his own experience category. This time he was facing a recent big name, Billy Peacock. Billy had lost a few, but never to a fistic fledgeling like Casing.

While Benny's admirers chewed their nails, hoping that Peacock would not land his big punch, Casing made one of the best showings of his career. He showered punches on Peacock to take a clean-cut ten round decision at the Civic Auditorium in Stockton.

The gross gate was $2600 in a program promoted by Bill Hunefeld. Weights: Casing, 121; Peacock, 121¼. Scoreboard consensus for Casing was 99-93. Jack Silver refereed.

Peacock's best round was the ninth, when he drew blood from Casing's nose. Casing rocked Billy back on his heels in the seventh with a straight right.

Stockton welter Moses Cooper, 146, fought a fast punching draw with Tony Noriega, 145, of Fresno in a six-rounder.

In another six, Carl Looney, 188, Stockton, drew with J. C. Huggins, 190, Oakland.

Buckskin Fields, 142, drew with Richard West, 150, in 4.

Horace Boots Monroe, who got up off the floor from a 10th round knockdown to win the unanimous decision from Baby Brown of the Philippines.

▶Industrious John Hall of the Mirror-News tabulated the earnings of fighters in Los Angeles for 1959, and I quote them herewith. This represents gross purses, before the manager's bit was deducted, and for bouts staged only in the Los Angeles area:

NAME	BOUTS	GROSS PURSES
Hogan Bassey	2	$65,847.
Alphonse Halimi	1	65,000.
Mauro Vasquez	6	46,500.
Davey Moore	2	38,176.
Jose Becerra	2	23,500.
Battling Torres	4	20,888.
Art Aragon	6	19,734.
Paul Armstead	5	15,074.
Johnny Busso	2	14,610.
Don Jordan	1	12,250.

Other items gleaned from Mr. Hall's story—his own opinions, that is—some of which coincide with mine:

Most savage battles: Joe Becerra vs Mario D'Agata; and Davey Moore vs Hogan Bassey, first fight.

Biggest flop Ike Chestnut quitting on his stool against Mauro Vazquez.

Strangest sound: Simultaneous gasp of Hollywood Legion's theater TV crown when Ingo Johansson connected with that first righthand shot for the first of seven knockdowns.

Largest single purse: Halimi's $65,000, against Becerra.

Smallest ditto: $206, for Timmy Jefferson against Carmie Price.

Smallest gate: $535; Danny Valdez-Tano Serna, Olympic.

Top upset: Danny Kid, 8-1 underdog, beating Toluco Lopez.

Biggest shocks: Toluco Lopez' four-knockdown, 2nd round kayo over Boots Monroe at Hollywood before $21,838 crowd. Also Battling Torres' quick kayo over Johnny Busso.

▶Maybe not in name, maybe not in size, but the Olympic Auditorium of Los Angeles led the nation in number of shows, in gross gate receipts, for 1959. Gross for the year, in boxing, $584,191 for 53 shows. In wrestling, too, the Olympic fared well: $104,555 for 50 grapple shows.

▶Auburn Copeland, accurate-punching lightweight veteran from Flint, Michigan, found Mono Garcia of Mexico a determined opponent, but Copeland's experience margin was clearly apparent as he took the decision in ten rounds at Sacramento. Weights: Copeland, 133; Garcia, 137.

The contest headlined the program at Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium. Scoring consensus for Copeland was 98-94. Johnny Reno refereed. Gross receipts totaled $2045.

Copeland kept a flicking left in Garcia's face through most of the bout. His best round was the seventh, when he rained lefts and rights on Mono. Garcia landed his best punch in the third, an overhand right stunning Copeland. He shook off the effects quickly, and resumed the offensive before the round ended.

Henry Salcedo, 135, San Jose won on a split verdict against Chuck Whitaker, 136, Los Angeles. They battled for eight rounds.

In a six rounder, Al Medrano, 136, Sacramento, took the decision over Sonny Burris, 134, of Los Angeles.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

THIS YEAR OF 1959 WOUND UP WITH CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY IN MOST PARTS OF THE CONTINENT. Apart from Gustav Scholz, most of the leaders in the various divisions gave disappointing displays. Halimi, Vecchiatto, Amonti, Caprari and Visintin were all unexpectedly extended in their clashes with Meunier, Rezgui, Langford, Attar and Chiocca respectively and Manolo Garcia, Spanish feathers flash, wound up before a board of enquiry after his miserable fight with Bobby Ros.

Here are the results of the month:

▶ **Berlin.**—No one can deny Gustav Scholz his position at the head of Europe's middleweights. He has yet to refuse a challenger and frequently takes on good class light-heavies in order to keep active. Few European champions have defended their title so frequently as Scholz and it was typical of him that within three weeks of defending his laurels against Peter Mueller, he took on Andre Drille.

A crisp left to the chin caught Drille in the eighth and he slumped to the canvas for "9". A further flurry of blows sent him down a few moments later and the referee counted him out, only to discover that the gong had sounded before completion of the count.

The Frenchman came out fresh for the next round and dourly moved forward through a hail of punches but went down for "8" in the eleventh. Another barrage floored him in the twelfth but Drille gamely continued, rattling Scholz in the fourteenth with a hard right to the jaw.

The champion cut loose with everything and blasted the gallant Drille to the deck with a savage battery of hooks to head and body. Drille came up at "7", took another hammering and finally raised an arm in sign of defeat. For Scholz, it was another triumph in a long record of triumphs.

Uli Nitzschke, 199, is reckoned to be the future German champion. He wasted no time in cutting Sergio Biggioggero down to size and stopped him in the fourth without, however, scoring a knockdown. Uli Ritter, 204, defeated another Italian, Federico Friso, over eight and Conny Rudhoff, 134, obtained a close but well-earned decision over blond Jacky Chauveau of France. In a middles six, Horst Borzoskowski whipped Herbert Schilling.

▶ **Rome.**—The return to action of Sergio Caprari was something of a flop. He scaled over 133, which means hard training if he's to fight his way back to European feather-weight honors. He was dull and lethargic against mediocre Ahcene Attar but won.

Mario Vecchiatto met up with one of his prospective challengers in a non-title fray—Guizani Rezgui of Tunis, whose recent successes in Spain had made him an attraction. Against the European champion, Rezgui proved a smart operator. The Italian wound up an easy winner over ten rounds.

In a cruiser eight, Artenio Calzavara regained lost ground by splitting a decision with Dom Baccheschi and in a welter eight, Franco Pinto trounced Ferruccio Consorti.

▶ **Pesaro, Italy.**—Geppino Gentiletti continued his climb up the middleweight ladder by outscoring Remo Carati in a hard ten while

▶ At **Modena.**—A team of Sardinians whipped all comers. Fortunato Manca whipped the French southpaw veteran, Andre Mauguin, in a welter ten, Franco Fiori laced the Spanish middle, Francisco Ortega, over eight and Maxia triumphed over Gattai in a light-weight six.

▶ At **Treviso.**—Kid Daniel, Spanish welter, drew with Mario Casellato in eight.

▶ **Blois, France.**—Gilbert Chapron picked a tough nut when he accepted Hugo Koehler of Austria for a build-up fight. Koehler held his ground until the seventh, when a pair of well-timed hooks dropped him for "eight". As Chapron rushed in to finish off his man the Austrian met him squarely with a powerful right hook which dumped the local fighter for the count of "nine". The gong saved Chapron from a certain k.o. The ninth and tenth rounds fell even and there was lively booing from the crowd when Chapron was given the nod.

At **Crepy-en-Valois.**—Wladis Kopec handed a terrific hammering to Salah ben Farhat to win their cruiser ten via the points route.

▶ **Jemappes,** Belgium.—The Dutch middle, Harko Kokmeyer of Amsterdam, has done fairly well in Belgium recently and earned himself useful press-notices by repeating a win over Richard Bouchez. On this occasion the much taller Bouchez gave up the fight in the sixth round, for which he was disqualified.

Another upset occurred when Guenter Hase came through with a surprise win over the popular veteran, Emile Delmine.

▶ **Madrid, Spain.**—Tony Gutierrez, kayo artist of the welter ranks, iced Angel Arias in two at the Feste Alegre while Domingo Lopez thumped out a points over Garcia Hidalgo in a cruiser ten.

▶ At **Alicante.**—Young Martin stopped Jose Ogazon in ten rounds which more or less confirms his claims on the flyweight title.

▶ In **Barcelona.**—Fred Galiana was kept very busy in his lightweight slam with Victor Pepeder and won the decision by a narrow margin. Manolo Garcia was too strong for faded Andre Valignat, who gave up the fight in the fourth round after taking a couple of trips to the canvas. For this, the Frenchman had his purse confiscated by the Spanish Federation.

▶ **Marseilles, France.**—Jules Touan, from the Ivory Coast, is apparently riding the crest of a wave. After his splendid battle against Lamperti he was matched with unbeaten Antoine Martin, pride of the Bretonnel stable. Touan was dangerous from the word "go" but Martin fought at terrific speed. Manager Bretonnel slung in the towel during the ninth, when Martin was simply soaking up punches.

Hippolyte Annex licked Ernesto Ballabio in a welter eight and Georges Torrecillas stopped Marcel Tirel in the seventh session of their cruiser dispute.

▶ **Paris.**—At the Salle Wagram, Bobby Diop of Senegal handed out a battering to Abdelkader Assouz, beating the Algerian bantam over ten rounds. Andre Vairolatto had a soft touch in Gerard Alloo, Belgian feather, halting his fragile opponent in the sixth round. Charley "Gentleman" Attali was held to a draw by Joseph Catalano in a middles eight.

▶ At **Epernay.**—Robert Meunier won well over Jean Dos Santos, Portuguese feather, in ten.

▶ **Madrid, Spain.**—Luis Folledo continued unbeaten, stopping muscular Ahmed ben Hamida of Morocco in the seventh session of a welter argument. Chato Ramos knocked out Perez Artero in the seventh round of a lightie larrup.

A week later at the same venue, Francisco Frances consolidated his grip on the middles title by lacing Francisco Ortega in a non-title affair over eight rounds. Ricardo Navarro defeated Lopez Durban in a feathers eight.

▶ **Hamburg, Germany.**—Joe Armstrong from Ghana subbed for America's Chuck Speiser here against craggy Albert Westphal, the boxing master-baker. After a clean but unspectacular fight which went the full ten rounds, a drawn verdict was reached.

Max Resch went forward another step in his comeback campaign, stopping a modest French middle named Michel Le Riguier in three rounds while Manfred Hass, 158, won an eight-round title eliminator from Erich Walter.

Klaus Langhammer, 159, nodded Emile Buccellato of France over six rounds and Manfred Graus, 148, won clearly from Maurice Colombies, France, also in six rounds. Attendance was about 4,000.

▶ **St. Quentin, France.**—Paul Roux, newly crowned cruiser king, had a rough passage in his bout with red-haired Ilde Warusfel, and won by a small margin.

▶ At **Laon.**—Gilbert Lavoine, now 38, easily trounced the American middle, Lou Perry, over ten rounds.

▶ At **La Rochelle.**—Rene Barriere trimmed Jacques Poinson in a fast feathers ten.

▶ At **Tours.**—Maurice Auzel checked Jean Paternotte, Belgian welter, in seven and Michel Lamora beat Pierre Guericher in a bantam ten. Small upset.

▶ At **Bourges.**—Ahmed Sebane outscored Michel Francois, France's busiest fighter, in a welter ten.

▶ At **St. Malo.**—Jacques Dugenie outpointed the Algerian veteran, Ali Amrane, who has never yet been kayoed, though, of course, he seldom wins.

▶ **Ghent, Beligum.**—Carlos Van Neste has now moved up into the middles class and Bob Stevens was called on to give him baptism of fire. Not a powerful hitter, Van Neste was still able to win easily over twelve rounds and thus became champion of Flanders province.

Jean Sneyers beat Edouard Ptak by only a narrow points margin after a hard light-weight ten while Aime Devisch bested Eugene Servais in a feathers eight.

▶ **Ravenna,** Italy.—Vittorio Mancini, 154, won over Brahim Kettani of France in a very one-sided argument lasting ten rounds.

▶ At **Aosta.**—Piero Cottino won over Torreggiani in a middles eight and Zambon beat Ernesto Ballabio in a welter eight.

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(FOR MONTH ENDING JANUARY 21, 1960)

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Erich Schoeppner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Duilio Loi (I)
2. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Sante Amonti (I)	Laszlo Papp (HY)	Bruno Visintin (I)
3. Mino Bozzano (I)	Rocco Mazzola (I)	Andre Drille (F)	Fortunato Manca (I)
4. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Italo Scortichini (I)	Stefan Redl (G)
5. Massimo Zanaboni (I)	Dieter Wemhoener (G)	Rolf Peters (G)	Chris Christensen (D)
6. Toerner Ahsman (SW)	Dom Baccheschi (I)	Peter Mueller (G)	Emilio Marconi (I)
7. Albert Westphal (G)	Giulio Rinaldi (I)	Hans Wohlers (G)	Seraphin Ferrer (F)
8. Bruno Scarabellin (I)	Pekka Kokkonen (FN)	Leen Jansen (H)	Maurice Auzel (F)
9. Uli Nitzschke (G)	Artenio Calzavara (I)	Max Resch (G)	Diego Infantes (S)
10. Uli Ritter (G)	Paul Roux (F)	Michel Diouf (F)	Luis Folledo (S)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Risto Luukkonen (FN)
2. Fred Galiana (S)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Piero Rollo (I)	Young Martin (S)
3. Laouari Godih (F)	Giordano Campari (I)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Mimun Ben Ali (S)
4. Guy Gracia (F)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Salvatore Burruni (I)
5. Sauveur Benamou (F)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Mohamed Zarzi (F)	Rene Libeer (F)
6. Fernand Nollet (F)	Jules Touan (F)	Elysee Castre (F)	Kamara Diop (F)
7. Aissa Hashas (F)	Antoine Martin (F)	Sugar Ray (H)	Jean Guerard (F)
8. Guizani Rezgui (T)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Mario Sitri (I)	Andre Gasperini (F)
9. Jean Sneyers (B)	Rene Barriere (F)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Pierre Rossi (F)
10. Conny Rudhoff (G)	Willi Quattuor (G)	Kimbo Calderin (S)	Giacomo Spano (I)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; HY Hungary; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden; T Tunisia.

▶ **Oran, Algeria.**—Fernand Nollet, who two months ago won the French lightweight title, lost it in his first defense against local lad Sauveur Benamou. After fifteen rounds, the nod went to Benamou. Louis Trochon drew with Bruno Spataro in a middles eight.

▶ **Geneva,** Switzerland.—Epiphane Akono outfought Alberto Mancini of Italy in a lightweight ten here. Incidentally, this was the last program arranged by Camille Griot, who has been promoting in Geneva for many years. Monsieur Griot died after a light operation. He was the Mr. Boxing of Switzerland.

▶ **Tunis, North Africa.**—Two Italian middles were brought over to do battle with local stars but provided tougher opposition than expected. Gino Rossi won more or less as he pleased against Mahmoud le Noir over eight rounds while Salvatore Boi of Sardinia was only awarded a draw against Amor ben Tahar, though he kept the initiative for most of the fight.

▶ **Vitry-le-Francois,** France.—Michel Francois was in action again with a good win over hard-hitting Armand Meyer, stopping his rival in the eighth frame of their welter dispute.

▶ At **Agen.**—Marcel Marcerou chalked up a close win over the Spanish welter, Jose Manrique, who has been inactive for the last year or more. Lou Mourros upset promising Valery Cornella, trouncing the youngster in a cruiser eight.

▶ **Courtrai, Belgium.**—Unable to get work in their own country, Dutch boxers did quite well against a local team here. Tony van Eyk was ruled out in the seventh round of his lightweight debate with Rudi Christiaens but bantam champion Sugar Ray did well to outscore Raphael Diaz over ten rounds and Nelis Oostrum clinched matters by icing Oscar Deschemaker in the third session of a middles maul.

▶ At **Ostend.**—Bob Marcel returned to action with a third round win over Roger Descheppers.

▶ **Paris.**—Alphonse Halimi showed little of his old form when he tangled with Robert Meunier at the Salle Wagram. Halimi won every round but a quicker win was expected. Mohamed Abed decisioned Jerome Licatesi in a lighties ten and Ray Delorme stopped Tony Garcia in the eighth round of a welter discussion.

▶ **Las Palmas, Spain.**—Frank Garcia was unable to get the better of local welter star Lelo Suarez, who held the Catalonian champion to a draw over ten hard rounds.

▶ **Milan,** Italy.—At the Principe Theater, Tito Gomez of the Argentine was too strong for Ray Paini and trounced the veteran in a fast lightweight ten while Rino Borra sprang back into the limelight with a one-round knockout of Giordano Terabusi in a welter clash. Maxia, Sardinian lightie drew with Possessi over six rounds.

▶ At **Pavia.**—Annibale Omodei outscored Vitantonio Lionetti in a lightweight eight and in the main spot, welter flash Luigi Castoldi pipped Osvaldo Gerosa in a hard ten-rounder.

▶ **Stuttgart,** Germany.—Return clashes are always surefire attractions and in Germany it was felt that Max Resch was risking a great deal by accepting Alex Buxton, the man who knocked him colder than the North Pole when they clashed in Hamburg three and a half years ago. Buxton found himself at the end of Resch's jabbing right for most of the ten rounds and was obliged to pay two visits to the deck, in the fourth and ninth rounds. Resch's victory was well-earned and the Stuttgart southpaw is now ready to consider another tilt at Gustav Scholz.

Karl Mildenberger, 177, appeared fully recovered from his recent kayo at the hands of Harry Ball and made a great impression by once more defeating the experienced, clean-fighting Dutchman, Wim Snoek, by a fairly close margin over eight rounds.

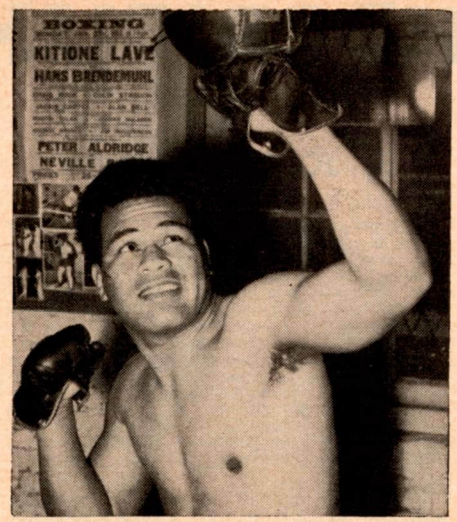
A drawn verdict was reached after Erwin Hack, 176, had gone eight rounds with the Italian, Alfredo Wogrig, but the latter did enough to win.

Si Mohamed, 127, Algerian whirlwind resident in Stuttgart, checked Joe Buck in the sixth round with a cut eye while lanky southpaw Gerhard Zech, 204, outpointed Hans Drabes over four rounds.

Georg Lautenbacher, 160, halted Stachowitz in two and Gumpert, 170, nodded Egon Rass in four. The program was a financial as well as a sporting success, 17,000 spectators passing the turnstiles.

▶ **Rome.**—"The worst middleweight champion since Aldo Menabeni" was one press verdict on Franco Scisciani after his disappointing bout with Tommy Baars of Holland at the Palazetto. He beat him in a poor fight.

Franco Nenci rescued the program with a brilliant display against the torrid French lightweight star, Manuel Sosa, stepping out a clever points win over his difficult foe while Giacomo Putti trimmed Paolo Gipriani in a welter eight and Spila nodded Aversa in a lightie six.



Kitione Lave, Tongan heavyweight, who returned to action in Europe after a two year trip to his home land and lost a decision to Franco Cavicchi in Bologna, Italy after dropping Cavicchi for a long count in an early round.

▶ **Wuppertal,** Germany.—Dieter Wemhoener, Berlin cruiser ace, met up with an old foe here in the Ruhr District when he clashed with Hugo Koehler, the rugged in-fighter from Vienna. Wemhoener dictated the run of the fight, beating Koehler to the punch and avoiding close quarter work when possible. The Viennese was always dangerous and Wemhoener's point win was not too well received by the crowd.

Emil Koch, 150, knocked out a mysterious American called Kid Carson in the second round with a cracking right hook to the chin and Hans Gronen, 124, stopped gallant Alois Maxa in the seventh round of a very even duel.

Oswald Haast, 156, defeated a third Austrian, Joschi Windbichler, over four rounds and Claus Hessmann, 167, drew with Paul Potisek, also in four.

▶ **Barcelona, Spain.**—Two national stars put up a desperately poor showing at the Gran Price when Bobby Ros, former lightweight champion, encountered the feathers ace, Manolo Garcia. Ros naturally refused to tackle Garcia at close quarters and the bout degenerated into a waiting game. After repeated warnings, Garcia was disqualified during the ninth round. In a bantam eight, Antonio Diaz was held to a draw by Paulino Cobos.

▶ **Lyons, France.**—Paul Schiller had little difficulty in disposing of the Italian heavy, Pietro Baldini, who decided to retire at the end of the fifth round.

▶ At **Avranches.**—Eugene Le Cozanet, former bantam champ, was beaten over ten rounds by Adolphe Vivier.

▶ At **St. Quentin.**—Wladis Kopec did well to stop tough Lou Mourros in the eighth session of a cruiser slam.

▶ At **Calais,** the hooters of nearby ships announced the victory of local bantam Elysée Castre over Robert Tartari via the points route, in a final eliminator. Castre goes on to challenge Zarzi for the national title in February.

▶ **Alghero,** Italy.—Salvatore Burruni retained his flyweight title when he outscored Giacomo Spano in a twelve-rounded fought at tremendous speed. Mario Altana, Sardinian cruiser hope, knocked out Loreto Vari in round six.

▶ At **Biella.**—Luigi Balducci trimmed the Algerian lightie, Mohamed Boukouaci, over eight and a Yugoslav refugee called Lukik held local welter Alves Savoi to a draw over eight rounds.

▶ **Rome.**—Bruno Visintin found it difficult to shine against that hardened campaigner, Sauveur Chiocca, who devoted most of his energy to holding and clinching, was clearly outpointed but succeeded in making Visintin look anything but a champion.

Sergio Caprari, still making lightweight poundage, was likewise forced to cut a poor fiure against blond Rogert Prigent, but won handily on points despite a black eye. Ferdinando Proietti avenged a previous defeat by whipping Franco Pinto in a welter eight.

▶ **Bilboa,** Spain.—Those two old foes, José Merayo and Rafael Gayo, clashed yet again, this time with the vacant feathers title at stage. After twelve hard rounds the decision went to local fighter Merayo.

▶ **In Madrid,** Luis Folledo moved up into the middles division to outscore the champion, Francesco Frances, over ten rounds while Bergentino Cunado outscored highly-rated Chato Ramos in a lightweight eight.

▶ **Mestre,** Italy.—Plinio Scarabellin, muscular cruiser comer from Venice, had no easy task in outpointing durable Erwin Hack of Germany in ten rounds. Fritz Rings, a southpaw like Hack, lost out to Ivano Tombolini in a feathers eight and Angelo Rampin, flyweight hope, stopped Franco Marra in five.

▶ **Ancona.**—The technical limitations of Sante Amonti were made evident in his clash with Sam Langford, dangerous Nigerian cruiser. Dusky Sam had the champion in trouble several times, he decked him for "eight" in the sixth round and Amonti was all at sea until the gong sounded. By the ninth, Amonti was strong enough to drop Langford three times and the tenth saw a desperate slugfest with no quarter given or asked. Amonti deservedly got the nod and it later transpired that he had fractured his left hand in the fourth round. Paolo Cottino stopped Franco Menconi in the sixth session of their middles dispute.

▶ **St. Brieuc,** France.—Gaston Mathieu did well to outscore welter prospect Jean Debondant over ten rounds here wile his local rival, Henri Cabelduc, copped a close verdict at the expense of Marc Desfourneauex.

▶ At **Vannes, Bruay.**—Edouard Lewko was obliged to share the honors with that durable stayer, Jean Ruellet, in a middles ten marred by frequent clinches.

▶ At **Orleans.**—Jacky Chauveau stopped the Belgian, Rogert Verhelst, in the seventh round of a lightweight debate.

▶ **Cologne,** Germany.—No whit the worse for his kayo by Scholz, Peter Mueller tangled with an opponent more after his own style—Salah ben Farhat of Tunisia and solidly withstood eight rounds of Black Peter's pummeling to lose on points.

Blond Uli Nitzschke scored a loudly-acclaimed victory over Francis Magnetto, the French heavyweight champion. After outboxing his man in the opening round, Nitzschke put on the heat and hammered the Frenchman to a full stop before end of the second.

Conny Rudhoff calmly boxed his way through the stormy attacks launched by Assane Fakhy, 137, the Lebanese southpaw resident in France, to win clearly over ten rounds while in a heavies maul, Uli Ritter, 211, drew with Alain Cherville of Belgium. Opening the program, which attracted some 4,000 fans, was a middleweight eight in which Horst Borzoskowski shared the honors with Herbert Sowa.

▶ **Bologna,** Italy.—Franco Cavicchi was saved from a knockout defeat during the early rounds of his clash with tempestuous Kitione Lave by a rather generous count. Warned by his lucky escape, Cavicchi wisely chose to outbox the Tongan Terror and won by a close points margin over ten rounds.

▶ **Paris.**—At the Salle Wagram, the French flyweight title changed hands when smart René Libeer outscored aggressive Jean Guerard over fifteen rounds. Libeer, born at Roubaix in 1934, is a nifty tactical boxer with a respectable punch and dominated most of the rounds.

On the same bill, Bobby Diop, who incidentally boasts a victory over the new champion, stopped Pierre Leblond in the fourth round of a bantam tussle.

▶ **Gothenburg, Sweden.**—Carving a fistic career is not easy for the two Swedish heavyweight prospects, Lennart Risberg and Toerner Ahsman, who live very much in the shadow of Ingemar Johansson. But their Boxing Day performances gave some indication of their potential merits. Ahsman collided with Bruno Scarabellin, the strong Venetian southpaw and ploughed forward with determination and flattened the champion in round five. Risberg was taken the points route by another toughie, Federico Friso, but won by a comfortable margin while the Finnish cruiser hope, Pekka Kokkonen, was held to a draw by rugged Artenio Calzavara over eight rounds.

Scarabellin was all set for an American campaign prior to this unfortunate occurrence. Now it seems likely that Ahsman himself may change his luck across the Atlantic.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

EMPIRE POOL . . . WEMBLEY . . . "A foggy night in LONDON" but a capacity arena of fight followers bravely sat through a "MILD" night of "THE BEEF TRUST IN ACTION". Promoter Jack Solomons had a vision of finding a heavyweight among his two top line bouts to challenge Ingemar Johansson for the latter's heavyweight title. . . . Among the competitors, weighing around 638 pounds, there was NOT a heavyweight PUNCH among the four.

Brian London, Blackpool, 211, having his first bout since his disastrous meeting with Floyd Patterson for the heavyweight title eight months ago, started off his scheduled ten rounds against Nino Valdes, Cuba, 219, as he did when he met Willie Pastrano. He scored with punches to the body and head and we sat back thinking that "MISTER" LONDON of Blackpool would be the first Britisher to stop the "Cha Cha" Cuban's advance on British heavyweights. But it was not to be, for from then on, both fighters mauled their way throughout, till the seventh, to the dissatisfaction of the fans and Referee Jack Hart had his hands full trying to make them "Break". In the seventh, London received a cut on the left eyelid which was aggravated by a long overarm right towards the end of the round, and when Referee Hart inspected the wound London retired. . . . Thus Nino Valdes added the scalp of Brian London to his collection of wins in Great Britain over Don Cockell-Dick Richardson and Joe Erskine.

I was greatly disappointed in the showing of Mike DeJohn, Syracuse, New York State, 202½, against Dick Richardson, Wales, 205½, in their ten rounder. The Welshman easily withstood the stabbing left leads of the American and the heavier hitting of Richardson soon had the handsome profile of the up-state New Yorker, in crimson. It was a rough and tough battle with DeJohn at the end of the seventh suffering from cuts on both eyes. . . . Both were cautioned by referee Bill Williams for the misuse of the head, and when at the last bell the hand of the American was raised as the winner, there was loud dissension by the crowd. I thought that Richardson had done enough to warrant the decision.

The £500 Novices Competition was won by Pat Stapleton, Eire, 191, who outpointed Alex Barrow, Ghana, 191, in the best bout of the night, over three rounds. . . . Kimpo Amarfio, Ghana, 121, stopped Hugh Riley, Scotland, 120¼, in the fifth, when the referee intervened to save Riley from further punishment. . . . Alan Pompey, Trinidad, 219, and Fred "Nosher" Powell, Walworth, 216, provided six rounds of fun for the comfort of the fans, with Pompey gaining the points decision in six . . . but it was "NOSHER" who received the cheers at the end for his comedy efforts.

BOGNOR . . . Mike Robbins, Camberwell, 146¼, and Joe Ceroni, Bournemouth, Italy, 146½, provided a great scrap which ended with a points win for Robbins in six. Johnny Price, Kingston, 119, gained a narrow points win over Benny Lee, Hainault, 121, in a rousing six. Terry Tulley, Brighton, 134½, was too good for Jimmy Redman, Bournemouth, 133¾, and it was no surprise when the referee intervened during the third, to save a game lad from further punishment.

Len Crawley, Camberwell, 127¾, outpointed Mick Redmond, Leicester, 127, in six. Randolph Canute, Barbados, stopped Ken Chadwick, Bournemouth, in the second of a welterweight bout. . . . Billy Rees, Wales, 140, won his first professional bout with a points win over Teddy Beeston, Molesey, 146, in six.

SHEFFIELD . . . Wally Swift, Nottingham, Midlands Welterweight Champion, broke the winning sequence of Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, by holding the latter to a hard fought draw in eight. Billy Calvert, bow-legged Sheffield Featherweight, knocked out Terry Rees, Treherbert, Welsh Featherweight Champion, in the second. Tony Broadhead, Sheffield, outpointed Dennis Patrick, Nigeria, in a cruiserweight six. Eddie Barraclough, Rotherham, defeated Mick Barone, Ireland, in the fifth. The referee stopped the bout in favor of Barraclough, when the former received a badly cut eye. Neville Rowe, Blackpool and Australia, stopped Joe Walcott, Trinidad, in the fourth of a cruiserweight bout, when the referee intervened after Walcott had received a badly cut eye.

LIVERPOOL . . . Promoter Gus Demmy deserves much credit in trying to place THE STADIUM back among the leading boxing arenas in the North. In his top liner, he gave Johnny Cunningham, Huddersfield, 161¾, a chance to be included as one of The British Middleweight Title Challengers. Cunningham gained a well earned points decision over Sandy Luke, Nigeria, 158, in eight hard fought rounds. This was the first defeat for the Nigerian in his professional career. Ken Hignett, Bootle, 134, became the Central Area Lightweight Champion, by virtue of a six round K-O. win over Alf Cottam, Preston, 135.

"Southpaw" Hignett made a good recovery from a first round knockdown to overwhelm Cottam by his aggressiveness and score a sensationally knockout win. Terry Crimmins, Cardiff, 119, scored a big success in his first appearance at The Stadium, by stopping the popular Teddy Tyrrell, Bootle, 118, in the sixth round to inflict the first defeat in the latter's record.

Jimmy Wheeldon, Nottingham, 114, outpointed Bobby Davies, Lancaster, 114, in four. Tommy Barry, Ellesmere Port, 148½, outpointed Mick Power, Nottingham, 147, in four. . . . Brian New, Widnes, 140, stopped Harry Shaw, St. Helens, 136, in four.

BELFAST . . . Jack Solomons broke new ground when he joined hands with Ireland's leading promoter, George Connell, to stage The Empire Bantamweight Championship, between The Holder, Freddie Gilroy, Belfast, 116¼, and Bernie Taylor, South Africa, 117¼. A crowd of 14,000, saw Gilroy pummell the South African around the ring from the first gong to score a knockout in the fifth. The taller Bernie Taylor had nothing to offer against the aggressive Irishman. In the fifth Taylor turned "Southpaw" which played into the hands of Gilroy, who forced his opponent against the ropes, knocking his gum shield from his gaping mouth. . . . A volley of body punches had Taylor reeling around the ring to collapse face downwards to be counted out by referee Frank Wilson.

Freddie Tiedt, Dublin, 141½, was too clever for Al Sharpe, Belfast, 142¼, and deserved his points win in eight. Billy Kelly, Derry, 136¼, gained a very close points win over Ron Hinson, Dagenham, 136¼, in eight.

Jimmy Brown, Belfast, 141¼, was awarded the decision over Peter Cobblah, Ghana, 148¾, in a hard fought eight. Jimmy Carson, Belfast, 125, made one of his rare appearances to gain a clever win over Con Mount Bassie, Jamaica, 128, in eight. Floyd Robertson, Ghana, 128¼, knocked out Gil Neill, Belfast, 128½, in the second.

LEYTON . . . Terry Spinks, West Ham, 128, showed some of his old form against George Dormer, East Ham, 124, to gain a points win after an interesting eight. Jimmy McGrail, Liverpool, 146¾, stopped Freddie Collins, Chingford, 149, in the second. Referee Pat Floyd seemed to be too hasty in calling a halt, for Collins after taking a count of "eight" came back full of fight to force McGrail around the ring. The crowd took exception at the premature ending of what looked like becoming a grand bout.

Tony Mancini, Shepherds Bush, 143, stylishly knocked out Harry Haydock, British Guiana, 144½, with a left hook to the jaw in the third. Billy Underwood, Hainault, 149, was a narrow points winner over Pat Berry, Bethnal Green, 146, in six. Dave Whittaker, Battersea, 119, outpointed Benny Lee, Peckham, 117¾, in a thrilling six. Packy McMahon, Ireland, 161, gained a second round K.O. win in his professional debut, against Steve Hegerty, East Ham, 161½.

NOTTINGHAM . . . One of the year's biggest upsets was recorded at The Ice Rink, when Wally Swift, Nottingham, Midlands Area Welterweight Champion, 147, was credited with a points win over Willie Toweel, South Africa, 142, at the end of ten interesting rounds. Swift was called in as a late substitute for Albert Carroll, Bethnal Green, who was down with flu. A last round do-or-die rally by Swift gave him the edge to gain referee Chris Maggs' decision. . . . The decision was loudly cheered by the large crowd, and Toweel's European Manager, Bobby Diamond was so sure that Toweel was deserving of the verdict he stated that the Wally Swift Camp can have a challenge bet of £5,000 to £1,000 in a return bout. Promoter Reg King was elated at the turn of events for he was very disappointed at the finish of his main bout between Percy Lewis, Oxford and Trinidad, British Empire Featherweight Champion and Challenger Johnny O'Brien of Scotland.

Coming out for the second, Southpaw Lewis tried different methods to overcome the confident Scot, who advanced with hands held low was caught by a glancing blow in the region of the neck, and being off balance toppled to the canvas. . . . O'Brien got to his knees at the count of four and there remained to hear referee Ike Powell count the fatal TEN. . . . The large crowd were shocked at the termination of a contest that looked like becoming a stern struggle for the Empire Crown. O'Brien apparently missed the count.

Brian Jones, Nottingham, knocked out Cliff Brown, Northampton, in the second of a lightweight contest. Johnny Lewis, Nottingham, stopped Gerry Parker, Beeston, in the fourth, when the referee intervened, in a bantamweight contest.

WALWORTH . . . Barney Beale, Walworth, 136½, repeated a previous points win over Teddy Best, Cardiff, 137, in eight. . . . A hard gruelling and thrilling bout was that between Tanos Lambrianides, Greece and Cardiff, 148¾, and Mike Robbins, Camberwell, 147¼. Both threw caution to the winds, battling it out for the whole of the eight rounds, with the lad from Greece a worthy winner.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(To January 20, 1960)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)	Johnny Halfihi (Tonga.)	Dick Tiger (N)	George Barnes (A)
2. Joe Erskine (W)	Mike Holt (SA)	Yama Bahama (B)	Philemon Tshabalala (SA)
3. Dick Richardson (W)	Chic Calderwood (S)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Joe N'Gidi (SA)
4. George Chuvalo (C)	Arthur Howard (E)	Terry Downes (E)	Mike Leahy (I)
5. Brian London (E)	Jack Whittaker (E)	Clive Stewart (A)	Willie Toweel (SA)
6. Joe Bygraves (J)	Harry Dodoo (G)	Phil Edwards (W)	Gale Kerwin (C)
7. Dave Rent (E)	Ron Redrup (E)	John McCormack (S)	Basil Campbell (J)
8. Robert Cleroux (C)	Eddie Wright (E)	Harry Speedie (SA)	Gerald Gray (J)
9. M. Verasikete (Fiji)	Johnny Cole (E)	Attu Clottey (G)	Tommy Molloy (E)
10. Sakivsa Cawaru (Fiji)	Billy Smith (E)	Billy Lotter (SA)	Albert Carroll (E)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Dave Charnley (E)	Hogan Bassey (N)	Freddie Gilroy (I)	John Caldwell (I)
2. Richie Howard (C)	Percy Lewis (T)	Johnny Jarrett (A)	Jackie Brown (S)
3. Ludwig Lightburn (BH)	Rafiu King (N)	Billy Rafferty (S)	Derek Lloyd (E)
4. Billy Kelly (I)	Wally Taylor (A)	Dick White (A)	Dennis Adams (SA)
5. Jackie Hayden (C)	Floyd Robertson (G)	Len Reece (W)	Frank Jones (S)
6. George Bracken (A)	John O'Brien (S)	George Bowes (E)	Moses Edeki (N)
7. Barney Beale (E)	Bobby Neill (S)	Johnny Morrissey (S)	Malcolm McCleod (I)
8. Dave Stone (E)	Sexton Mabena (SA)	Roy Beaman (E)	Pancho Bhatachaji (India)
9. Jim M'Cormack (I)	Terry Spinks (E)	Derry Treanor (I)	Little Joe (G)
10. Peter Heath (E)	Johnny Kidd (S)	Bernie Taylor (SA)	John Mtimkulu (SA)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (BH) British Honduras.

George Cottle, Bermondsey, 143¼, outpointed Jim McGuinness, Wishaw, 152, in eight. Harry Carroll, Cardiff, 124¾, kept his unbeaten certificate when he knocked out Dave Ford, Covent Garden, 126, in the third. Johnny Bowler, Luton, 155¼, Stopped Al Bereti, Glasgow, 162¼, in the first, the referee called a halt after Bereti had taken a count of "eight". Billy Secular, Walworth, 127¾, outpointed Len Crawley, Bermondsey, 129¾, in six.

LEEDS . . . Jack and Arthur Green were rewarded with a full house at The Town Hall in which Tony Smith, Bootle, 145½, one of our best young prospects, stopped Brian Husband, Hull 148½, in the fifth. Too many hard bouts in too short a time, seems to have taken its toll on the young aggressive Husband from Hull. Early in the fifth, Smith found the opening that he had been waiting for and then shot a combination of punches to the head and body of the on-coming Husband, who received a bad cut under his right eye. Referee Jack Board went to the corner at the end of the round and wisely called it a day for the Yorkshireman, and declared Smith the winner.

"Spike" McCormack, Belfast, 134¼, was declared the winner over "Speedie" Ashie, Ghana, 137, in a hard fought eight, which did not see eye to eye with the crowded onlookers. Phil McGrath, Halifax, 129¾, scored a popular points win over Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, 128½, in a closely fought eight. Alex Ambrose, Glasgow, 119¼, clearly outpointed Eddie O'Connor, Dublin, 118½, in eight. Paul Mensah, Sheffield, 148, knocked out Mick Power, Nottingham, 148½, in the third. Darnley Bowen, Leeds, 149, scored a points win over Les Platt, Wombwell, 145¼, in six.

HOVE . . . Johnny O'Callaghan, Dagenham, 127, was too good for Aubrey Day, King's Lynn, 127, in their all action eight, in which the former was a good points winner. Terry Tulley, Brighton, narrowly outpointed Peter O'Callaghan, Dagenham, in a lightweight contest over six rounds. . . . After having the best of matters, Jackie Dillon, Isle of Man, was forced to retire with a badly cut eye in the third, against Ray Thompson, Hackney.

Mick McGreechan, Ireland, 138, scored a good points win over Jimmy Redman, Bournemouth, 138, in six. Teddy Beeston, Molesley, outpointed Mick Hill, Wandsworth, in a welterweight bout in six. Ken Chadwick, Bournemouth, 152, knocked out Terry Phillips, Wales, 153, in the second.

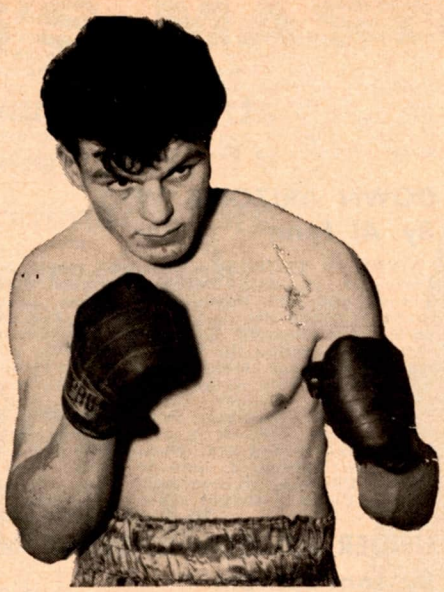
WOLVERHAMPTON . . . Byron Hollingsworth, Trinidad, 136, gained a clear points win over Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 138, after a spirited eight, in which the latter was making his come back after a lapse of eighteen months. Jimmy Robinson, Brownhills, 132, stopped Tony Webster, Norwich, 133, in the fourth, when the referee intervened to save a game lad from further punishment. Lacy Stannard, King's Lynn, 165, knocked out Ron Gray, Walsall, 166½, in the fifth.

Stan Bishop, Kidderminister, 140, knocked out Eddie Donnelly, Coventry, 140, in the second. Tony Icke, Wolverhampton, 135¼, stopped Paul Beattie, Derby, 136, in the third. Max Smith, Wolverhampton, 161¼, knocked out Dennis Patrick, Nigeria, 160¾, in the fifth. Patrick, who had to be carried out of the ring, was taken to the hospital where he died. . . . It was a sad ending to a good nights boxing. . . . At the Inquest a verdict of "Accidental Death" was recorded. This was the third death of the year in England, one pro and two amateur.

LEICESTER . . . Promoter Joe Jacobs, gave Market Harborough, George Aldridge, 158¾, a chance to reverse a points defeat that Attu Clottey, 162, of Ghana had tagged him with. . . . It took twelve counts and nearly seven rounds before referee Austin O'Connor decided that Aldridge had no chance of winning. In the third, Aldridge was forced to take seven counts, three of "eight" a "seven" and three of a shorter score. He was allowed to continue to take more punishment. In the sixth two more knockdowns were recorded against Aldridge, who was all but out in the seventh, before Referee O'Connor saw fit to intervene and declare that Clottey was the winner.

A left hook to the body, brought Razza Bailey, Bedworth, 178¼, his fifth straight inside the distance win against Peter Woodward, Birmingham, 176, who lasted 75 seconds of the first round.

Freddie Kaye, York, 161, stopped Pat McGarry, Ireland, 160½, in the first, when the referee intervened after McGarry received a badly cut eye. Chris Elliott, Leicester, 129, defeated Roy Lake, Battersea, 124¼, in the fourth, when the latter was ruled out for persistent butting.



Welshman Dick Richardson who lost a disputed decision to Mike DeJohn in a contest that added to Dick's stature.

Dave George, Woking, 158½, outpointed Jacob Dempsey, Leicester, 158¾, in a hard fought six. . . . Tommy Tiger, Leicester, 132, outpointed Johnny Nolan, Thornaby, 137½, in six. . . . Moshood Balogun, Leicester, 158, knocked out Randolph Canute, Leicester, 158, in the fourth.

PAISLEY . . . Chic Calderwood, Craigneuk, 172¾, undefeated Scottish Cruiserweight Champion, slammed his way to a seventh round victory when referee Bill Jones stopped the bout in his favour, after Jack Whittaker, Warwick, 171¾, had taken four counts, and was not in a fit condition to continue. . . . This was one of the 22 year old Scotsman's best wins, for he showed much improvement. On this form, Calderwood will certainly start favorite to defeat Arthur Howard for the British Cruiserweight Title, that was left vacant when Randolph Turpin retired.

Jackie Brown, Edinburgh, 112¾, easily outpointed John Agwu, Nigeria, 114, in eight. Johnny Morrissey, Newarthill, 117½, Scottish Bantamweight Champion, had to pull out all he knew to gain a narrow points win over Hugh Riley, Edinburgh, 117, in eight. George Judge, Glasgow, 126, stopped Kenny Thomas, Islington, 129, in the fifth, when the latter was forced to retire with a damaged nose.

Billy Rafferty, Glasgow, 117½, who meets Freddie Gilroy, for the latters European-Empire-and British Titles, was in devastating form when he outpunched and outscored Dwight Hawkins, America, 119¾, in an all action ten.

BRISTOL . . . Arthur Howard, Islington, 174½, was too strong for Billy Smith, Croydon, 175, and dealt out severe punishment in the latter half of their ten rounder to gain a well earned points decision. Tommy Hayes, Bristol, 153, stopped Peter Anderson, Cricklewood, 149¾, in the fourth. The latter had received a very bad cut eye from a vicious right that forced the referee to call a halt.

Tommy Kansas, Bristol, 131½, stopped Reg Gardner, Stratford, 134½, at the end of the third, when the referee visited the latters corner to examine his badly cut eye. Erroll Flynn, Newport, 115, outpointed Pete Halberg, Grimsby, 115, in six. Terry Coombes, Peckham, 155, stopped Slim Taylor, Cardiff, 156¾, in the fifth, when the latter retired at the end of the round. Mickey Redmond, Bristol, 125¾, outpointed Al McCarthy, Romford, 124¾, in six.

SHOREDITCH . . . Johnny Kidd, Aberdeen, 127¾, gave a polished display against the aggressive and hard swinging Johnny Howard, Islington, 126, and was all set for a points win when Howard received a badly cut eye, causing referee Tommy Little to stop the bout in favour of Kidd. Johnny Kramer, Canning Town, 147½, overcame the aggressive tactics of Billy Underwood, Hayes, 151, to deal out heavy punishment to the latter, who was in no condition to continue after being dropped for a count of "seven" in the fourth, and referee Little wisely stopped the bout to save Underwood from further punishment.

Alan Palmer, Norwood, 128¾, was fortunate to receive the full honours against Billy Secular, Walworth, 128½, in a thrilling six. . . . Mike Robbins, Camberwell, 145½, and Billy Goodwin, Bermondsey, 142¾, fought a mauling six to a draw. Billy Walker, Islington, 113¼, knocked out Charlie Jiminez, Paddington, 109, in the first. Freddie Clapton, Finsbury Park, 175, outpointed Morris Russell, Kenton, 173, in six.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB—LONDON . . . Howard Winstone, Merthyr, 124½, gained a clear points win over the stockidly Sheffield, Billy Calvert, 124¼, in eight interesting rounds. I predict a bright future for the former Empire Games Champion, who is handled by the former British Welterweight Champion, Eddie Thomas.

Peter Cobblah, Ghana, 146, had too much on the ball for Jimmy Daly, Canning Town, 146, and it was no surprise when referee Jack Hart called a halt in the fourth. Paul Gormley, Canterbury, 161, stopped Gary Price, Carmarthen, 162, in the third, when the latter received a badly cut eye.

Jimmy McGrail, Liverpool, 146¼, stopped Frank Boyle, Nigeria, 144½, in the third. Dave Caulfield, Huddersfield, 118½, was too good for Billy Downer, Stoke Newington, 118, and the one-sided bout was stopped in the third.

CHELTENHAM . . . Ted Williams, Huddersfield, gained a narrow points win over Gerry McNally, Liverpool, in a hard cruiserweight bout over eight interesting rounds. Peter Delbridge, Pyle, stopped Vic Long, Dublin, in the third of a featherweight bout.

Harry Carroll, the undefeated Cardiff featherweight, added Russ Wadham, Deal, to his record of wins, by stopping the latter in the fifth. Terry Crimmins, Cardiff, outpointed Brady Barlow, South Africa, in a bantamweight bout of six rounds. . . . Mick Barone, Dublin, outpointed Don Braithwaite, Cardiff, in a flyweight bout over six rounds.

▶Met "Dapper" Joe Wilson of Stepney was impressed at the energetic 112 pounder who looks thirty years younger than the over seventy years young that the record books claim. Joe confided in me that his work as a "Masseur" to a long list of private clientele. It keeps him in good condition. Well I remember when Joe was in the opposite corner on December 4, 1911, at The Old National Sporting Club, in Covent Garden, to combat "Twenty" rounds against Sid Smith of Bermondsey for The First Lord Lonsdale Flyweight Belt, in which Smith won by a narrow margin. . . . His many friends around the world will be pleased to know that he is still as popular to-day, as he was in his fighting career.

ILFORD . . . Derek Lloyd, Chingford, 115, was forced to pull out all he knew to secure a points win over Eddie Barraclough, Rotherham, 113¾, in an exciting eight. . . . Lloyd was dropped in the first round for a count of "nine", by a well timed right, and managed to last out the round. . . . Lloyd gradually decreased the lead of The Yorkshireman, in the closing stages and was a worthy points winner.

Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 148, having his fifth bout in six weeks, defeated Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 146¼, in the sixth, when referee Bill Williams intervened when Richardson received cuts above both eyes.

Hugh O'Neill, Walworth, 126¾, clearly outpointed Ron Jones, West Ham, 127¾, in a thrilling eight. Al McCarthy, Romford, 128, defeated Mick Darcy, Royston, 127, in the first. . . . The referee stopped the bout after Darcy had taken three counts.

Mick McGregan, Dagenham, 137¾, outpointed Tex Marsh, Jamaica, 134, in six. Peter O'Callaghan, Dagenham, 134, stopped Terry Harper, Walrhamstow, 136¾, in the sixth and last round.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB—LONDON . . . Ron Warnes, Erith, 144, and Terry Burnett, Cardiff, 146½, provided The Club Members with a thrilling battle over eight rounds with the usual "Nobbins" thrown into the ring. . . . A left hook by Burnett in the second round planted Warnes on the canvas for "eight" and from then on, it was punch for punch, with Warnes gradually decreasing the Welshman's lead to gain a narrow points win.

Johnny Cole, Bow, 174, knocked out Gordon Corbett, Birmingham, 174¼, in the fifth with a right cross to the jaw. It took some time before he recovered and was able to leave the ring under his own steam. Gerry Kitchen, Cardiff, stopped Mike Robbins, Camberwell, in the first of a welterweight bout. . . . Neville Cassin, Cardiff, outpointed Len Crawley, Walworth, in a featherweight six.

Las Vegas Notes
By Red Greb

RAY PACHECO SHOT HIS WAY TO A SPLIT DECISION over Dommy Ursua in one of the greatest slugfests ever staged by small men. Pacheco, a Las Vegan, received the votes of judge Fred Bottaro, 98-96 and judge Mario Duccini, 98-94. Referee Jack Downey tallied a 97-93 card for Ursua. For this Sacramento, Cal., battle, Pacheco weighed 111, Ursua scaled 115.

▶IN RENO—Stockton's Joey Vargas, 122, remained undefeated in his pro career when he scored a 4-round TKO over Rudy Corona, 122, Sonora, Mexico. Corona sustained a deep cut from an accidental butt and the Nevada Athletic Commission doctor ordered the bout stopped. The prelims: Willie Stevens, 161, decisioned Fred Roots, 160, in a sixer. Spud Peroddy, 138, TKO'd Tony Arciro, 137, (4). Gary Ethan, 149, KO'd Billy Kinney, 145, in the fourth; Jimmy Eason, 141, opened the card with a 1-round KO over Boyd Carnes, 138.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

BOXING IN THE LONE STAR STATE slowed down considerably after the first week in December, and Dallas was the only city to go with a show the final three weeks of 1959.

The new year promises to be a busy one for fighters down this way. Naturally, the hub of boxing in the State is at Houston. However, Dallas, San Antonio, Tyler, Beaumont, Port Arthur, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Amarillo, and Odessa are sure to be running occasionally, either on a semi-monthly, monthly or spot basis.

Ray Portilla, who has fought more ranking contenders than perhaps any active beak basher plying his trade today, made a fine comeback during the last six months of the old year. He kayoed Jimmy Burns, beat Henry Watson and Joey Limas, after coming under the direction of Perry Payne.

The Eyes of Texas are on Todd Herring, 6 feet 2½ inch heavyweight newcomer from Houston's East End. He's a fine young prospect. He tips the beam at 204 pounds. He had only two amateur battles, each ending in a one round knockout.

Houston has top contenders among the heavyweights in Roy Harris and Cleve "Big Cat" Williams. Both are sure to have a number of important clashes in 1960.

Houston is also the residing place of world's lightweight kingpin Joe Brown, one of the all time greats, and the champ is always willing to fight anyone who cares to challenge his supremacy.

Al Boudreaux, the kid from Westwego is now making his fistic headquarters in Houston. Still a youngster, though in his ninth year of pro fighting, he has fought in many cities and is a genuine throwback to the old-school type scrapper.

Paul Jorgensen, top ranking featherweight, would welcome a shot at either Davey Moore or Joe Brown.

▶At Dallas, State Investment Corp., Donnie Fleeman, 181, turned in another outstanding performance, and the result was a 10-round triumph over the heavier Garvin Sawyer, 190, in Big D on December 14. Fleeman bounced many a sledge hammer blow off the rugged Sawyer's noggin' and once again he proved to be a thorn in the side of a much heavier opponent.

▶Sonny Moore, 189, Dallas, whipped Tommy Sims, 181, Los Angeles, in a second 10. Curtis Cokes, 144, Dallas, stopped the well traveled Amen Peck, 149, Tampa, in five rounds. Harold Watson, 161, Dallas, decisioned Willie Morris, 165, Dallas, in the opening bout of six rounds.

▶The writer has a number of copies of the Joe Brown—Dave Charnley lightweight title Souvenir Program on hand. It includes a picture of Battling Torres along with a story. Also, included is an 8x10 photo each on Brown and Charnley. Will be glad to mail you a copy of the program if you send a quarter (25 cents) to the writer at 4903 Laurel, Bellaire, Texas, to cover cost of mailing. Suggest you print your name and address clearly on the inside of your letter.

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DOWN ARIZONA WAY
By Al Fenn

OVER IN TUCSON, a bout was staged on December 11, with Bobcat Terrance, 147, Tucson, and Luis Garduno, 145, Mesa, fighting a 12-round draw. It was billed for the state championship. Garduno, a colorful youngster, carried the fight in the early going, but Terrance closed strong to even things up. In other bouts, Al Andrews, Phoenix, won over Charles Denner, Chandler, in four; Young Kid Chocolate, Detroit, won over Roger Yanez, Tucson, in another four; and heavyweight Bob Avery, Tucson, stopped Lee Williams, Tucson, 2; and in a six, Rudy Smith, Phoenix, welterweight, and Lenney Austin, Phoenix, fought a six-round draw.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

VINCE MARTINEZ, 153½, BOUNCED RIGHT BACK INTO THE BOXING PICTURE with a 10 round split decision over Chico Vejar, 150½, at Miami on December 3, and looked like the ole formidable boy once more despite a 10-month lay-off. An excellent start and a good finish earned the former welter contender his second win in three bouts with Chico but he was hard pressed by the body-punching loser all the way. The bout was the Magic City's first outdoor show in five years and was promoted by Willie Gilzenberg. The victor at 150½ and his foe three pounds heavier. Eight per cent of the gross gate of $3,700 went to the Police Athletic League.

▶Boxing two rounds for the PAL Bubbleweight Championship, Rennie Aicarro, of Hialeah, defeated Bobby Lane, Jr. Junior's dad, Bobby Lane, Sr., defeated Jimmy Bussey (Georgia Kid), each 166 pounds. Sam Spade, 161, lost an unpopular eight to Leon Stewart, 162. Fred Cozart, 137, beat Ross Calvin, 138, in a sixer.

▶When the last issue of The Ring Magazine made its way to Jacksonville it couldn't have arrived at a more opportune time. For on that day Rocky Marciano, retired undefeated heavyweight champion was sports guest and star on the Dick Hutchinson Benefit Program at the Gator Bowl. Rocky's assignment to referee a four round bout between Billy Brown, former well known pro and ex-amateur star Bob Harris (president of the Jacksonville Junior Jaycees) went beyond that. But it was then that announcer Harry Talbert, with The Ring Magazine before him told the fans of the honor bestowed on Rocky, elected to Boxing's Hall Of Fame. There was a tremendous ovation. Talbert stated the honor also belongs to Florida now since Rocky makes the Sunshine State his home. Prior to the boxing bout, won by Brown, Rocky donned a football uniform and helped both sides of the Jacksonville Jaycees and Orlando Jaycees on the practice field before the two teams clashed.

▶Gomeo Brennan had things much his own way with Mel Barker and scored an easy win in 10 rounds of a dull bout at Miami Beach on December 30. Barker, welterweight champ of Texas, left his fighting in the Lone Star State it seems and more content to push, clutch, tug and pull, maul and stomp, according to the results.

Leon Stewart, 169, TKOed Tony Masciarelli, 164½, in a double substitution bout. Stewart won in the fourth. Pablo Caripides, 127, whipped Ray Estepa, 131½, in six. Freddie Cozart, 130¾, kayoed Hector Rodriquez, in three rounds, and Eddie Agin, 158, grabbed a four from Eddie Fobbs, 153.

▶Whatever chances Garnet (Sugar) Hart, 150½, held for a welterweight title shot were blasted by the fast guns of Luis Rodriguez, 146½, during their important 10 round go at Miami Beach on December 23. Luis The Larruper scored easily in a nationally televised match. Net proceeds went to the Variety Childrens' Hospital. Hart, whose heavy fists carried him way up there was a sad disappointment against flurry-fisted Rodriguez. The gate hit $9,631 from 2,140 fans. On the same card, Tony Alongo, 194 pounds, found Ike Welcome, 192½, much welcomed for his power-punching and Ike went out in the third. Davey Mills, 136, won a sixer from Lou Quirini, 130. Sugar Cliff, 151, beat Bobby Moran, 145½, in a four. Otho Brown, 172, bested Davey Miller, 172, in a four.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

FLASH ELORDE, 135½, ORIENTAL LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION, easily outpointed Nursery Kid, 133½, in the 10 round main event at the Coliseum under the sponsorship of the Philippine Sportswriters' Association for the benefit of the destitute and disabled boxers of the past. Elorde proved to be the master of the Visayan challenger at all times, except in the 7th when Nursery landed a right to the face that forced Flashy to back up. Elorde received a cut over the left eye by an accidental butt and Nursery made this to be his main target throughout the night.

Little Rufe, 113, kayoed Kid Tacio Jr., 112½, in the 7th round. Rufe was ahead of the brawl until the fatal 7th when a right to the chin and a left to the body ended the fight. Jet Bally, 128¾, made a punching-bag of Paulito Escarlan, 128½, in 10.

Angel Boy, 123, who was once a top bantam challenger, made short work of Baby Carlos, 123, by knocking out the new arrival from Japan in the 7th round. Terry Rebolado, 139½, is back on his warpath and won over Eddie Javier, 137½, in 6. Art Braganza, 120, bested Al Reyes, 119, in 6. Johnny Junior, 122, whipped Rush Junior, 121, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Leo Alonzo, 134, and former Philippine and Oriental lightweight champion defeated 5th Japanese ranking lightweight, Takeo Sugimori, 135, in 10 round main event at the Besa Boxing Arena of Manila. An accidental head-butt by Alonzo in the 3rd opened a cut over Sugimori's left eye.

Dommy Roxas, 145, kayoed Pat Lakandula 143, in 3. Rey Asis, 117, and Al Reyes, 118, was declared a draw by referee Andres Centernera in 6 rounds. The crowd disapproved believing it was a clear win by Asis.

Art Braganza, 118, bested San Juan Boy, 119, in 6. Jes de Leon, 115, outpointed Baby Ross, 115, in 6. Star Catalan, 112, and Dixie Logan, 109, drew in 4. Johnny Pasalosdos, 126, decisioned Doddie Boy, 126, in 4. Ely Relucio, 112, defeated Baby Amador, 110, in 4 rounds. Jessie Fernandez, 105, whipped Ricky San Juan, 103, in the 4 round opener.

▶Young Terror, 128, won a unanimous decision over Army Wonder Boy, 127, in 10 round main event of the Second Anniversary promotion of Mamerto Besa at his sporting Arena. The aggressiveness of Army proved to no success as his rival fought as a counter-puncher and not as a fighter previously. Marcing David, 118, kayoed Bert Gonzales, 119, in the 8th round. Leo Amadeo, 117, and a 5 to 2 underdog, knocked down Small Dave, 113, three times with lefts and rights to body and won the 8 round contest. Billy Brown, 111, bested Kid Agustin, 113, in 4. Bonnie Ray Arleen, 120, outpointed Young Brazil, 123, in 6.

Ramon Alba, 125, defeated Kid Fajardo, 123, in 4. Pete Campo, 127, bested Gil Seballos, 126, in 4. Eddie Layman, 114, beat Young Bataan, 111, in 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Roberto Cruz, Philippine featherweight champion and fighting as a lightweight at 135¼, defeated tough Paulito Escarlan, 131, in 10 round television boxing promotion of Manila. The bout, one-sided, was held at the Far Eastern University gymnasium. Tony Villanueva, 141, bested Flash Olano, 137, in 6. Tony Canoy, 112, defeated Little Wolgast, 112, in 4. Flash Leyte, 113, kayoed Flash Olivette, 113, in 3. Tom Dooly, 123, knocked out Baby de Borja, 118, in 1. Bert Espiritu, 106, outjabbed Little Moro, 101, in the 4.

▶Terry Flores, 145, and welterweight champion of the Philippines won a KO victory over Mighty Bargan, 147, in 4 rounds at the City Auditorium of Baguio City. Bargan was floored twice before being counted out. Vic Seminiano, 112, bested Little Moro, 112, in 6. Steve Roberto, 110, defeated Tiger Willie, 112, in 4. Gilbert Natividad, 115, lost to Time Chico, 119, in 4. Baby John, 129, won over Le Dulay, 122, in 4. Rudy France, 115, outboxed Mar Rodrigo, 114, in 4 rounds. Luis Borja, 130, decisioned Alex Ross, 132, in 4. Ernesto Oreno, 110, bested Fred Runes, 111, in 4 round curtain raiser.

LOUISVILLE BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

The yearly blue-ribbon classic of amateur boxing Golden Gloves will be compressed into three action-crammed nights instead of the customary five here in Louisville, February 1, 3 and 5th. During the first two sessions of the tournament at Freedom Hall, two rings will be used simultaneously. The tournament will be sponsored by the Louisville Police Association.

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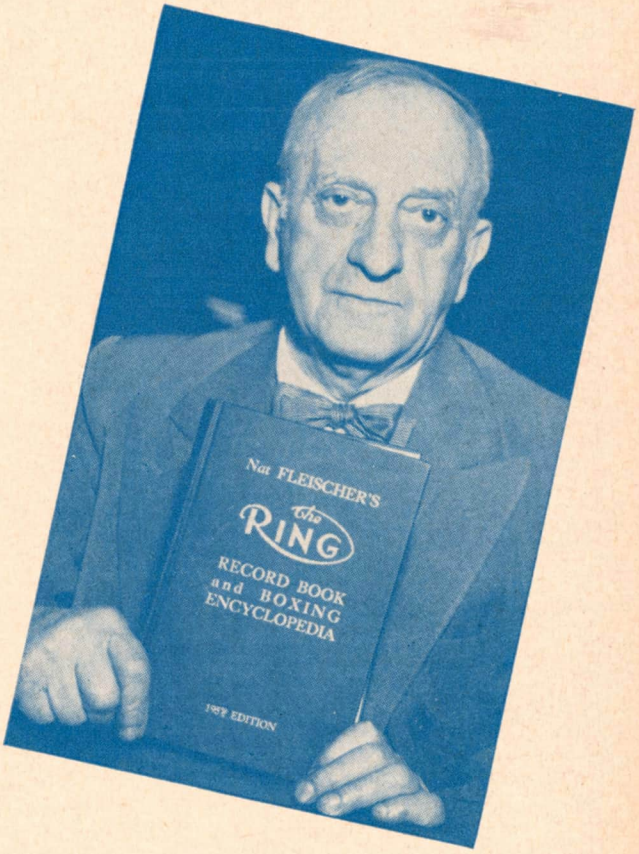

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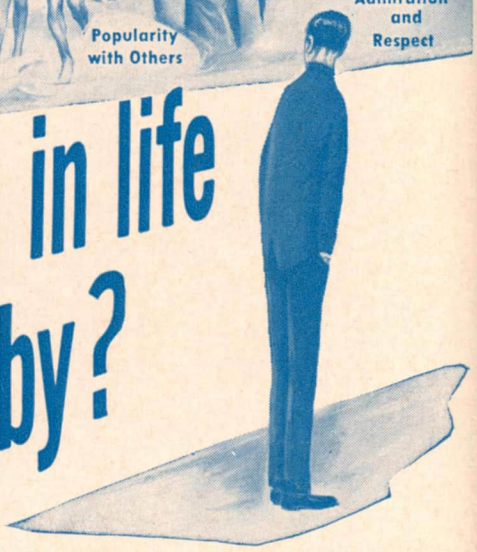

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